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Gully 2 - 0 South
Pines 1 - 1 Cannons
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Vodafone Cup Runneth Over



Well what a season it was. After 182 Vodafone Cup games the fate of the top six and the relegation positions have finally been decided in what has been one of the most engrossing competitions seen in years.

First of all, congratulations to Oakleigh Cannons for winning the 2006 Minor Premiership in fine style. The Cannons scaled the league standings in round 9 and have pretty much lead the way ever since. In the early days of the competition the Melbourne Knights blazed its way to the top, South Melbourne was up there too for a week or so, as was Altona Magic and the league's new boys Kingston City. However, whilst others came and went with their worlds crumbling around them, the Cannons have stayed on due course from the offset and deservedly won the race in a canter. Unfortunately finishing first at the end of the home and away season in this country basically means nothing and they will have to undergo the lottery of the finals system. Which means that any one of six teams on any given finals day has an equal chance of upsetting the most consistent team over the last seven months of the year. It remains to be seen, but will the "old firm" of South and Heidelberg, perennial finals contenders Altona Magic, debutants Kingston City, or even the reigning champions, Green Gully, reignite the minor premiership curse?

At the other end of the table the fight to survive and avoid the drop to Division One has never been so enthralling. For the first half of the campaign last year's champs, Green Gully, were surprisingly figuring in the

bottom two positions, whilst the other newly promoted team, Richmond Eagles looked likely to make a quick return from where they came. At different stages Fawkner/Whittlesea, Melbourne Knights, Essendon Royals, the Eagles and Gully all looked to be living life dangerously before it was a case of goodnight, farewell and good luck to Frankston Pines and Sunshine Georgies.

The boys from the peninsula succumbed to the dreaded drop in Round 25, bringing an end of four years in Victoria's top flight competition, taking with it the memory of a Grand Final appearance from 2003, whilst the Georgies made its exit in the all too dramatic last day of the season yesterday. Will Langwarrin or even Cranbourne now take over the mantle from Frankston as the powerhouse from the outer South-East, and is it the last we will ever see the likes of Frankston in the Premier League?

The Melbourne Knights take out the "could of been" award, as they could have easily been serious title contenders and conversely could have been relegated. Two seasons back in the state fold with no finals appearance is a poor effort considering the clubs history and support. Two coaching changes and a 7-0 drubbing in the hands of cross town rival, South Melbourne, were unfortunately part of the Somers Street 2006 highlights that would best be forgotten.

It could be argued that the Vodafone Cup is probably the most ruthless competition in the world, especially when it comes down to the turnover of coaches. 2006

has shown us that club committees are as hardcore as they come, and do not hesitate when forced to ring the changes.

All in all, a staggering 10 out of 14 clubs made changes to their senior coaching positions. Of the ones that remained, Stuart Munro (Oakleigh), John Anastasiadis (South), Michael Michalakopoulos (Bulleen) and John Markovski (Fawkner/Whittlesea), Munro would have to get Coach of the Year. Although Phil Stubbins took the Eagles from drop-outs to finals contenders in a blink of an eye, and Ian Dobson still has a chance of going back to back after a near disastrous mid-season, Munro has steered a steady ship oozing class, composure and consistency, only losing three games all year. The Cannons club also had to come to terms with the tragic loss of the irreplaceable Peter Kakos, who made a tremendous contribution to Victorian football, before succumbing to a brain tumour in May. Stubbins, Dobbo, and Anastasiadis take out the minor placings.

South take out the "Sexy Soccer" award with Kingston taking the "Empty Gas Tank" award and the Royals, the "Harry Houdini" award. In a miraculous turn-around the Royals had scored 24 goals all year, then bag 8 (a third of their whole total) in its last two matches to escape the drop.

By Bruno Zovko

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DETAILS



ROUND 26 SCOREBOARD

OAKLEIGH CANNONS 0 - 1 BULLEEN ZEBRAS
Friday 18th August Jack Edwards Reserve Crowd: 500

Goals: B.Harbinson (BZ) 74th.
Yellow cards: M.Gasperoni (BZ) 15th, B.Damianos (OC) 22nd, A.Pelikan (OC) 41st.
Red cards: None

Cannons: S.Webster, F.Rosman (S.Hehir HT), S.Poutakidis, S.Webster, R.Kumar, A.Pelikan (G.Abatzidis 81st), B.Damianos, C.Boutsianis, J.Nilo (T.Vulivuli 81st), V.Toma, A.Ewin.

Zebbras: T.Kovar, R.Antoniadis, M.Mazzini, A.Drakos, M.Gasperoni, D.Guglielmi, A.Fedijevic (H.Armenian 81st), S.Martin, B.Harbinson, R.Diacio, D.Piemonti (P.Kotsopoulos 61st).

ALTONA MAGIC 2 - 3 GREEN GULLY
Saturday 19th August Paisley Park Reserve Crowd: 500

Goals: S.Camelleri (GG) 17th, S.Becvinovski (AM) 33rd pen & 70th, J.Flemming (GG) 58th, M.Sanders 79th (GG)
Yellow cards: S.Zilic (AM) 42nd, S.Camelleri (GG) 63rd, A.Vargas (GG) 69th, M.Sanders (GG) 73rd, S.Mrkela (AM) 84th, L.Osman (AM) 90th.
Red cards: None

Magic: B.Jeydevic, S.Mrkela, L.Osman, D.Mladenovic, K.Delev, A.Opazo, S.Becvinovski, T.Razov (I.Kolevski 81st), A.Sherifovski (P.Cergovski 61st), S.Zilic (S.Zilic 46th), D.Vasilevski.

Gully: P.Schwalger, P.Riccobene, J.Flemming, B.Vassallo, M.Sanders (R.Cardozo 84th), J.Nikolic (S.Oksuz 74th), R.Ollerton, D.Nastevski, A.Vargas, L.Lapsansky (P.Hader 72nd), S.Camilleri.

SUNSHINE GEORGIES 1 - 0 HEIDELBERG UNITED
Sunday 20th August Chaplin Reserve Crowd: 1000

Goals: V.Trpceviski (SG) 34th.
Yellow cards: B.Gilmour (SG) 30th, M.Draycott (SG) 62nd, T.Ouliaris (HU) 65th, J.Falzon (SG) 82nd, L.Aceviski (HU) 84th, E.Soaes (SG) 90th.
Red cards: D.Jones (HU) 83rd, T.Ouliaris (HU) 94th

Georgies: M.John, I.Erdogan, C.Azzopardi, D.Rocco, J.Falzon, V.Trpceviski (E.Soaes 72nd), A.Tsirtakis, M.Draycott (R.Napoli 86th), E.Muscat, B.Gilmour, F.Alghazaly (A.Gauci-Seddon 90th).

Bergers: L.Aceviski, P.Roberts, D.Jones, R.Liparotti, J.Drossos (A.Gjuni 51st), S.Petrovic, N.Sabljak (D.Barakat 46th), S.Rohein ((J.Groenwald 65th), T.Ouliaris, E.Vassiliadis, Y.Yusef.

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 4 - 0 FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA BLUES
Sunday 20th August Chaplin Reserve Crowd: 1500

Goals: A.Neven (MK) 28th, N.Caldwell (MK) 30th, A.Baresic (MK) 41st, T.Milardovic (MK) 72nd pen.
Yellow cards: N.Antic (MK) 71st, T.Milardovic (MK) 72nd, T.Sterjovski (FW) 77th.
Red cards: None.

Knights: A.Cagalj, N.Antic, G.Taleviski, D.Matkovic, I.Klarica, T.Milardovic (B.Chesson 73rd), R.Casey, C.Elvin, M.Dugandzic (L.Cannell 71st), N.Caldwell, A.Baresic (L.Slater 60th).

Blues: S.Tilovski, M.Siciliano (M.Packovski 46th), J.Angelovski, E.Awad, P.Dimovski, M.Boseviski (A.Colosimo 62nd), M.Tsiorlas (J.Principato 82nd), J.Siljanovski, T.Sterjovski, J.Madarovski, G.Lombardo.

PRESTON LIONS 2 - 1 RICHMOND EAGLES
Sunday 20th August BT Connor Reserve Crowd: 2500

Goals: V.Korcarevski (RE) 44th, S.Pace (PL) 67th & 69th.
Yellow cards: G.Hockless (RE) 18th, N.Bahnsen (RE) 62nd, P.Siveski (PL) 70th.
Red cards: None.

Lions: S.Ozdemir, Z.Younan, L.Anastasiou, T.Devrimal, M.Gasparis (S.Masalkovski 84th), J.Sapazovski (G.Petrovski 88th), N.Lazarevski, S.Pace, P.Siveski, E.Karahan, Y.Said (B.Gorgioski 80th).

Eagles: N.Crosley, S.Webster (T.Celentano 80th), N.Bahnsen, J.Baskerville, S.McCluskey, B.Beni (F.O'Colmain 75th), D.Visevic, S.Sivic, G.Hockless, V.Korcarevski (X.Sulemani 75th), J.Robinson.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 5 - 1 FRANKSTON PINES
Sunday 20th August Bob Jane Stadium Crowd: 500

Goals: R.Tavsancioglu (SM) 5th, C.Metcalf (FP) 9th, G.De Nittis (SM) 42nd & 70th, F.De Moraes 69th & 82nd.
Yellow cards: None
Red cards: None

South: D.Anastasiadis, C.Blatsis, A.Oliveira, D.Djubic, R.Tavsancioglu, T.Banser, N.Curtis, S.MacNicol, G.De Nittis, A.Naglieri.

Pines: K.Mclvor, J.Cumming, M.Anderson, T.Malcolm, C.Metcalf, D.Craig, C.Jones, B.Ovcin, N.Waite, C.Leopold, C.Stewart.

PLAYING TONIGHT

ESSENDON ROYALS - KINGSTON CITY
Monday 21st August Veneto Social Club

Goals:.....

Yellow cards:.....

Red cards:.....

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VODAFONE CUP TABLE- Final Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Oakleigh Cannons	26	16	7	3	47	24	55
Altona Magic	26	12	7	7	32	23	43
South Melbourne	26	12	6	8	45	28	42
Heidelberg Utd	26	12	5	9	43	36	41
Kingston City	26	11	5	10	37	39	38
Green Gully	26	10	7	9	45	40	37
Preston Lions	26	10	7	9	45	46	37
Richmond Eagles	26	9	8	9	41	38	35
Bulleen Zebras	26	9	6	11	27	36	33
Fawkner-Whittlesea	26	10	1	15	38	51	31
Essendon Royals	26	8	6	12	32	37	30
Melbourne Knights	26	8	6	12	33	39	30
Sunshine Georgies	26	8	6	12	30	36	30
Frankston Pines	26	6	5	15	23	45	23

The Final Six



Week 1

Qualifying Final

Oakleigh
v
Altona Magic

Elimination Finals

South Melbourne
v
Green Gully

Heidelberg Utd
v
Kingston City

Week 2

2nd Semi-Final

Winner of Qualifying Final 1
v
Highest Ranked Winner of
EF 1 or EF 2

Winner goes straight to Grand Final
Loser goes to Preliminary Final

1st Semi-Final

Loser of Qualifying Final 1
v
2nd Ranked Winner of
EF 1 or EF 2

Loser is Eliminated

Week 3

Winner of 2nd Semi Final has
Week Break

Preliminary Final

Loser of 2nd Semi Final
v
Winner of
1st SF

VODAFONE CUP The Finals

Week 4

Grand Final

Winner of 2nd Semi Final



Winner of Preliminary Final

VODAFONE CUP UNDER-21s

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully Cavaliers SC	26	16	4	6	57	28	52
Preston Lions SC	25	15	4	6	49	36	49
Richmond SC	26	14	5	7	53	38	47
Sunshine Georgies SC	26	12	5	9	63	38	41
South Melbourne FC	25	12	5	8	52	41	41
Fawkner-Whittlesea SC	24	11	7	6	44	31	40
Oakleigh Cannons FC	26	11	6	9	54	43	39
Bulleen Zebras SC	24	11	4	9	40	37	37
Heidelberg United SC	24	10	6	8	36	34	36
Essendon Royals SC	25	8	5	12	28	41	29
Altona Magic SC	25	8	1	16	38	58	25
Frankston Pines SC	25	8	0	17	40	62	24
Melbourne Knights SC	26	7	1	18	28	60	22
Kingston City SC	25	5	3	17	30	65	18

Preston Lions 2
Essendon Royals 0,

Kingston City 3 Mel-
bourne Knights 0,

Fawkner-Whittlesea 1
Sunshine Georgies 1,

Heidelberg United
Altona Magic ,

Green Gully 2
South Melbourne 3,

Frankston Pines 0
Oakleigh Cannons 3,

Richmond 2
Bulleen Zebras 1

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Sash Becvinovski
Altona Magic FC 17

Michael Curcija
Kingston City FC 16

James Robinson
Richmond Eagles FC 13

Esala Masi
Oakleigh Cannons FC 12

Mark Tsiorlas
Fawkner/Whittlesea 12

Anthony Magnacca
Preston Lions 11



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VODAFONE CUP

Round 26



ROYALS DO A HOUDINI TO SURVIVE

ROYALS VICTORY KNOCKS PRESTON OUT OF TOP SIX



Essendon Royals 4 - 2 Preston Lions



Essendon came to BT Connor as the team most likely to join the relegated Frankston Pines should they not win, and with Preston playing for a finals berth the writing was on the cards for a disappointing day for the Royals, considering Preston had one of the best home records in the VPL this season.

Preston had its future firmly in its own hands, and a solitary point was enough to ensure finals football for the Lions, but as is often the case things do not always go according to plan, as Preston found out this time last year when they missed on finals action on the last day of the season to the Oakleigh Cannons.

Preston put the pressure on the royals early on and should have reaped the rewards as early as the 4th minute when Sutalo saved from one of his own defenders Georgievski was showing some of the spark that he had early on the season and should have done better with his effort a minute later, but he only managed to drag his shot wide of the wide much to the relief of Sutalo in the Essendon goal.

Essendon lost some of their apprehension when they were awarded a free kick some 25 metres from goal in the 8th minute but Catalano wasted his shot by shooting well over the bar.

Pece Sivevski was seeing a lot of the ball in the middle of the park but an awkward challenge by him earned him the first yellow of the game on 20 minutes.

Both teams by now had shaken any nerves that they might have had and were playing some good end to end stuff, Essendon was the first to benefit from this endeavour as Pilic's shot on goal was to direct and Ozdemir saved easily.

Essendon found themselves one nil down when Sivevski played a delightful through ball for Gasparis to latch on, but unfortunately for Essendon John Sansone used his arm to stop the ball and Preston were awarded a penalty in the 15th minute which Nick Lazarevski dutifully converted it to score his 10 goal in a Preston shirt.

Preston's lead only lasted 5 minutes when Devrimol was adjudged to have stopped Fa'arodo illegally in the Preston penalty area, Pilic also made no mistake and

converted to give the Royals a ray of hope.

Preston were stunned by Essendon's equalizer, but still managed to peg them back and some desperate defending was needed by Essendon to keep the Lion's at bay.

Essendon's Fa'arodo was constant threat to Preston down the right hand flank, and Karahan had his hands full just trying to hold him up, but it always looked like Preston was the more likely to score as they appeared more hungrier for the ball.

Preston's tall defender Anastasiou could count himself lucky not to have been sent off when he threw the ball away in disgust after he fouled an Essendon forward on his way on goal. Essendon again wasted their free kick when it was hit into Preston's defending wall. Preston were very unlucky not to have added to their tally in the dying minutes of the game but some poor finishing from them and some courageous and desperate defending from Essendon kept them out.

The second half started as the first finished with Preston on the attack, Sivevski drew a foul on 49 minutes, and Yuonan's resulting cross was met by Georgievski at the far post but his header was wide of the goal. Over the next 2 minutes Pace and Sapazovski could have added to Preston's score but both were denied by the Essendon defence.

It wasn't all one way traffic when in the 54th minute Fa'arodo latched onto the ball from 10 metres out to make it 1-1.

Mark Sutalo got the fumbles as Preston chased the game and were looking for the equalizer, but his defence came to his rescue and saved from embarrassment to clear the ball.

Essendon themselves had a couple of half chances which were wasted and they totally escaped out of jail on a couple of more occasions when they were nearly caught out. But Essendon found themselves on leading the game when Yuossef latched onto a throw in to score past a flat footed Preston defence.

What the Coaches Said...

David Winton
Coach, Essendon Royals:

We're very happy. I suppose last week's game set us up a bit, we went there with nothing to lose. I'm so proud of the boys and so very pleased for the club. I think we've played some great football all year and have been a bit unlucky at times, but in the end we got a good result and I think the club deserved it.

Goran Lozanovski
Coach, Preston Lions:

Very disappointed in the end, we were looking forward to playing finals football but it obviously didn't happen and we let ourselves down. Our commitment was questionable when we really needed to count on it. The players weren't as hungry as what Essendon were and they got the result they needed to survive.



Man of the Match
Joseph Youseff
(Royals)

Preston finals hopes were in tatters and Essendon was on the verge of the great escape as results were creeping in from the other games, and just when everything looked set for a comprehensive Royals victory Schwal brought Lazarevski down in the box in the 85th minute. Lazarevski made no mistake with his second spot kick, but as he ran to collect the ball from the net Sutalo refused to give him the ball and pandemonium broke out as all the players got involved in push and shove spree which saw Sutalo, Lazarevski and Sansone getting yellow cards.

With the Preston fans urging the home team on for the equalizer Essendon caught them on the counter and when Yuossef rounded Ozdemir it was all over, and the that last goal scored by Essendon was what kept them in the VPL for at least another season.

By Nome Risteski
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LUCKY KNIGHTS ESCAPE DROP



KINGSTON CONSOLIDATES FINALS PLACE IN DEBUT SEASON

Kingston City 2 - 1 Melbourne Knights



Kingston City took three very valuable points in this Round 26 clash against a very young Melbourne Knights side, the win confirmed Kingston's place in the finals for the first time

ever and this being Kingston's first season in the Vodafone Cup was a major achievement for the club.

Two penalties and a strike from Kingston's former Chinese U23 international, Xiaobin Zhang, was the tall of the tape in this match and unfortunately that was the only highlights for the watching public. The game was a very scrappy affair, with few chances. The game needed a lift and that finally came when an excellent run down the left hand side by Zhang and as he was just about to shoot he had his legs taken from under him giving the ref no alternative but to award a penalty to the home side which he put away with no trouble at all.

Unfortunately though that did not improve the quality of the football being played did not get any better. Then in the 30th minute Kingston went 2-0 up with a goal from Zhang. His selfless work around the ground was the one and only highlight for the home side and despite being the two goals up at half time, the football being play was still not of the best quality.

The second half saw the visitors take the upper hand and come back into the game a lot more. The Knights were looking more and more as though they would score but time and time again

they were frustrated by a determined defensive performance by the home side. They finally got their reward when the ref gave a second penalty of the game when an excellent run from forward Nathan Caldwell who ran past five static City defenders and then found himself upended in the box which once again left the ref with no other decision but to give the penalty. Caldwell converted the kick to pull a goal back, but more importantly and probably unbeknown to the players at the time, it was the goal that saved the Knights from unthinkable relegation.

At the beginning of the days play the Knights perhaps considered themselves as a rank outside chance of relegation, but with the unexpected turn of events occurring at other football grounds across Melbourne, the Knights camp probably didn't realize how close they were from going down. Despite the late goal the home side managed to hang on to the victory and cement a finals birth in its debut season in the Vodafone Cup.

By Paul Jefferies

Photos by John Punshon

What the Coaches Said...

Ken Murphy

Coach, Kingston City:

You're always happy for the club and for the people who put the work in. We did it quite comfortably today, but the club did enough over the course of the season to make it into the finals. We got to try and get everyone up now for next week against Heidelberg.

Ryan Casey

Coach, Melbourne Knights:

It's been a tough couple of weeks and today was a really hard game. At the end of the day, we got over the line and I suppose we can be relieved. As it turned out we had a bit of luck on our side considering all the other results. I don't think we really realized how close it was until we got back into the dressing rooms after the game and we found out how it came down to just a goal.



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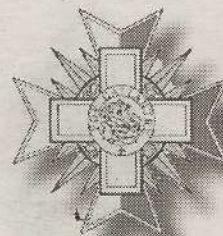
VODAFONE CUP

Round 26



BLUES SAFE, GEORGIES GONE

TSIORLAS BREAKS GEORGIES' HEARTS



Fawkner-Whittlesea 1 - 0 Sunshine Georgies



Fawkner-Whittlesea Blues has secured its place in next year's Vodafone Cup by defeating the Sunshine Georgies 1-0 and condemning to relegation. The heartbroken Georgies

return to State One after its second season in the top flight.

Both sides strode out on to the Epping Stadium pitch hopeful that they could gain the result they

would need to ensure they would be playing premiere league football in 2007. As it stood both teams could survive and both teams could be relegated it was all up for grabs.

The early exchanges seemed to indicate that both teams were almost happy with a nil all draw which would ensure they both survived, but the game broke open with Sunshine seizing the initiative and looked the most likely team to score for the remainder of the half.

In the 12th minute the travelling Sunshine supporters and players were up in arm as a cross was floated across by Vasko Trpceviski, which eluded everyone and was whipped across by Brett Gilmore, which again fell to Trpceviski who his a ball who clearly hit a defenders arm well in the penalty box. With the referee well placed he waved away the claims.

In the 19th minute a free kick on the far touchline was wickedly curled right at goals surprising the Blues goalkeeper who backpedaling produced an extraordinary save to tip the ball away for a corner which came to nothing.

Just before the break a long ball played out of defence fell to Fidell Richards who nearly turned his defender and sent a stinging shot just over the bar half time and goal-less was the score.

The second half was well contested with neither team really creating and clear cut changes but the game was entertaining and both sides knew what was at stake. The game and Fawkner's season turned on 54th minute when a goal mouth scramble saw a ball poked across goal to an unmarked Mark Tsiorlas, who poked the ball into the net to turn the game on its head.

What the Coaches Said...

John Markovski
Coach, Fawkner-Whittlesea:

I was rapt for the players and the club, it was a great result. They players did really well for the whole game. They performed out of their skin today and it was a matter of survival for us and a few other teams out there. We didn't concede a goal, where last week we copped four, so to win 1-0 at home was great.

Fab Incantaloupo
Asst. Coach, Georgies:

Unavailable for comment

Man of the Match
Mark Tsiorlas
(Blues)

Sunshine chased the game and Fawkner used every trick in the book to waste time and they succeeded. As the final whistle meant safety for the home side and as the result from the Conner reserve filtered through the hearts of all Georgies supporters, players and officials- the realization hit that relegation was the end result.

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ALFONSO AND BECS PERFORM MAGIC ACT



ALTONA MAKES LATE SURGE TO FINISH SECOND

Heidelberg Utd 0 - 2 Altona Magic



What the Coaches Said...

Con Pappas
Coach, Heidelberg Utd:

I thought it was an open game and both goalkeepers were probably the best players on the ground. Congratulations to Altona for winning the match, and we'll look to regroup and focus on the finals and hopefully get some players back for next week.

Vlado Torteovski
Coach, Altona Magic:

That was probably one of the best games we've played since I've come here. I was very happy with the boys' performance and full credit to every single player that played today. They fully deserved the win and possibly could have scored a few more. We're happy to finish second on the ladder and we're looking forward to trying to win the final this year.

Man of the Match
Bojo Jevdevic
(Magic)

Altona Magic grabbed the double chance of a major semi-final place ahead of South Melbourne and Heidelberg United, with a 2-0 away victory to the Bergers thanks to second half goals to Sash Becvinovski and Alfonso Opazo. At the other end of the ground, Magic keeper Bojo Jevdevic held his end up making several second half saves to deny the Bergers.

Altona signalled their attacking intentions from the start by playing an attacking 4-3-3 formation, whilst an undermanned Heidelberg began

with Nick Marinos leading the line with Joe Tricarico sitting in behind him.

Possession in the opening half was even, however neither side was able to create a clear cut opening until the 40th minute when Ivan Razov broke free of the Berger's shackles to cross to Becvinovski inside the six yard box. The Magic striker's first time shot under pressure from Leigh Tsoumerkass, went wide for a corner. Minutes later, a Lou Acevski double save from Becvinovski and Opazo on the follow up, prevented the visitors from opening the scoring.

The second half began with Nick Sabljak replacing the injured Tsoumerkass for United, and Igor Arsovski replacing Tomi Razov for the Magic. Both sides might have scored in the opening quarter of an hour with Becvinovski setting up Daniel Vasilevski for a great chance with just the keeper to beat, but the midfielder blasted over the bar.

Ten minutes later, Magic keeper Jevdevic, saved a powerful Nick Marinos strike after an Andy Vlahos assist. Jevdevic followed up in the 67th minute with another excellent save to foil

young striker Danny Barakat, on as a substitute for Marinos.

But it was the league's top marksman who made the breakthrough, when Becvinovski launched himself at a Doug Mladenovic free kick into the box, to head past Acevski in the 70th minute. The goal was Becvinovski 17th of the season, making him the VPL's leading scorer in 2006.

The Bergers responded with their own threat on the Magic goal only for Jevdevic to save a goal bound Sabljak drive in the 76th minute. Four minutes later, Barakat's pass served up an excellent opportunity for Vlahos in the box, however his first time shot flew across the face of the goal. With just minutes remaining, all eleven Heidelberg players were inside the Altona half for a corner kick. The clearance found Arsovski just inside his half with just a retreating Bergers' keeper Acevski, to beat. Arsovski advanced at pace, before waiting for support from Opazo who gleefully accepted the easiest of tap-ins from inside the six yard box, to secure the result.

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CHAMPS SNEAK INTO SIX AT LIONS EXPENSE



CAVS READY TO DEFEND TITLE

Green Gully Cavaliers 2 - 0 South Melbourne



What the Coaches Said...

Charlie Farrugia
President, Green Gully:

We played a good game and I think our intensity was a bit greater than South Melbourne's. I think it was all as a result of our week's training whereby if we made the top six, we wanted to be worthy of it. The coach and the players have done a great job and the club is delighted. It has to be pointed out that the club is very grateful for Ian Dobson's return, who has not only taken the club from the bottom half, but into the top six.

John Anastasiadis
Coach, South Melbourne:

It was very disappointing for us. We've got to pick ourselves up big time because if we produce another performance like that on Friday night in our first final game, then we'll be having a very quick holiday.

Man of the Match
Jeffrey Flemming
(Gully)

The Cavaliers have completed an amazing transformation of fortunes this season, by defeating South Melbourne by two goals to nil in the final round to sneak into the finals series in sixth place.

Ironically, Green Gully will now travel to Bob Jane Stadium to play South Melbourne for a second time in six days in the 2nd Elimination Final of the 2006 Vodafone Cup.

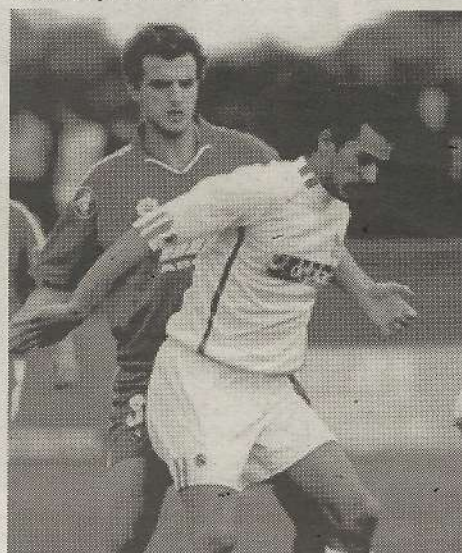
Green Gully were dynamite this afternoon, taking a one goal lead through Matthew Sanders from a goal mouth scramble on a corner kick, shortly before Andy Vargas nearly made it 2-0 with a powerful volley that crashed against South's crossbar. It finished 1-0 at the halftime break, the Cavaliers with their confidence sky-high.

In the second half, Matthew Sanders and Joel Nikolic were creating all sorts of problems with South Melbourne's backline, but were denied repeatedly by South's goalkeeper Dean Anastasiadis. Coach Ian Dobson brought on substitute strikers Peter Hader and Serkan Oksuz and within a few minutes the new pair of strikers had combined to score a second goal for the Cavaliers. Green Gully now travels to Bob Jane Stadium with a major psychological advantage over South Melbourne in the first week of the finals series.

Green Gully's Under 21's twice came from be-

hind against South Melbourne, only to concede a late goal to the visitors to leave Preston with half a chance to snatch the Under 21 title on goal difference, if they can win their one remaining catch up fixture by some 16 goals.

By Markian Jaworsky
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PINES SAY GOODBYE BY HOLDING MINOR CHAMPS



PELIKAN SCORES LATE EQUALISER TO SAVE BLUSHES

Frankston Pines 1 - 1 Oakleigh Cannons



Bottom placed Frankston Pines said goodbye to the 2006 Vodafone Cup competition by holding Minor Premiers, Oakleigh Cannons, to a respectable 1-1 draw at Monterey Reserve on Sunday.

Based on current form this match would normally been marked as a comfortable win for Oakleigh Cannons, but with both sides' campaigns already

been determined prior to the kick-off the match was seen by many spectators as meaningless and a chance for coaches to field fringe players from the squad. However, the Pines produced a fighting effort which has become its trademark in recent times and at least managed to leave the competition with their heads held high.

The first half was riddled with many free-kicks and as both sides tried to accustom themselves to so many fresh faces.

As happens in so many top against bottom encounters, the Pines managed to take the lead after it successfully penetrated the Cannons defense. Strikers Colin Stewart and Craig Metcalfe worked well together to attack the defence of Oakleigh and surprisingly took the lead after 52 minutes.

It wasn't until two minutes from time that the Cannons were able to unlock the Pines' defense when Anthony Pelikan grabbed a goal to extinguish any chance of an upset occurring. Whilst high drama was occurring at other grounds of the

Vodafone cup, this match was in reality a dead rubber. The cannons used the opportunity to rest a few key players before it gears itself up again for the serious business of finals football, whilst for Pines it was a chance to save some pride for what has been a most disappointing season.

By Maria Katsidis
Photos by Darryl Kennedy



What the Coaches Said...

Adam Jamieson
Coach, Frankston Pines:

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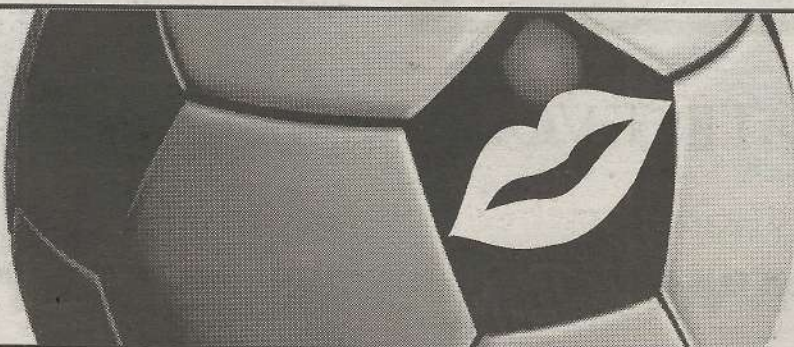
Stuart Munro
Coach, Oakleigh Cannons:

Obviously it was a meaningless game for both teams. We had a huge amount of changes in the team and I thought 1-1 was a pretty fair result. We obviously rested quite a number of players and we'll have them back for our first finals match.

Man of the Match
Cam Leopold
(Pines)



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EAGLES FINISH DEBUT SEASON ON A HIGH



Richmond Eagles 3 - 0 Bulleen Zebras



Semir Sivic bagged a double

Richmond defeated Bulleen Zebras 3-0 in a game in which results from other matches meant neither side could make the Final Six.

The home side made a positive start with Graham Hockless volleying a cross from the left just wide of the post after two minutes. Six minutes later James Robinson played in Semir Sivic out wide on the right, who supplied a promising

cross which flashed by Daniel Visevic and was slightly mis-controlled by Steve Burton at the far post, allowing Bulleen to clear. A minute later Visevic volleyed a strike wide.

Sivic was once again released out wide after a great ball from Hockless, and his near post cross was flicked into Thomas Kovar by James Robinson. Bulleen then came into the game, Peter Kotsopoulos shooting wide after fourteen minutes followed by Adam Fadljevic having an effort turn wide after a deflection a minute later.

The Eagles then lifted, Hockless having a shot deflected over the crossbar before Kovar saved brilliantly from Visevic at a corner. In the thirty-second minute Richmond finally made the breakthrough. Robinson again found Sivic, who was aided by the bounce beating Steve Martin to leave him one-on-one with Kovar, the Eagles winger blasting home from just inside the area. James Baskerville fired a shot wide in the 40th minute, and when the whistle came for the break it was still a 1-0 scoreline in favour of the Bartlett Reserve outfit.

Having squandered numerous chances when leading 1-0 at Preston Lions a week earlier before succumbing to defeat, Richmond came out for the second half determined to finish off the Zebras. Five minutes after the resumption a cross from Burton was brought down by Robinson having cleared a defender, leaving him with only Kovar to beat which he duly did and Richmond were 2-0 in front.

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Kovar rescued Bulleen in the fifty-seventh minute, scrambling to save Robinson's header from a corner right on the goal-line. Six minutes later Baskerville headed a cross from the right into the net but was judged to have been offside. By now Richmond were dominating the game, and found a third goal in the seventy-third minute. Strong pressure from the midfield on the halfway line saw Hockless win the ball, and the played a brilliant through ball for Sivic to run onto. Sivic charged towards the penalty area with no Bulleen defenders in sight, burying the ball into the net for his second goal of the afternoon.

Sivic played a good ball though for Robinson six minutes later, which was shot well wide by Richmond's leading scorer. With seven minutes left Sivic produced an acrobatic save from Kovar when he let fly from outside the area before Dean Piemonte shot wide with five minutes left on the clock. When time came it was a final score of 3-0 to Richmond, giving them a solid eighth place on the table in their first season in the Vodafone Cup, with Bulleen slipping to ninth spot after the final round.

By Mark Boric

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What the Coaches Said...

Phil Stubbins
Coach, Richmond Eagles:

Our boys from start to finish thoroughly deserved the three points. It was a good testament from where we've actually got to from the halfway stage 'til now. I'd like to take the opportunity of thanking Dean Hennessey for actually assembling the squad, I think he's done a good recruitment campaign at the start of the year and provided a squad good enough to win games. Richmond Football Club have certainly got a good platform to work on for next year. I would suggest that if they keep the majority of the boys together, with the inclusion of a couple of key signings, they'll have another good year next year as well.

Michael Michalakopoulos
Coach, Bulleen Zebras:

Personally it was a disappointing way to end the season after challenging the top teams for the last three weeks. Full credit must be given to Richmond who attacked the game from the beginning, they deserved the result. The great thing for us was that at least we didn't have to go into this game needing a result. My boys have been sensational to stay in the league, but I always want to be challenging for the finals, and at least it's something to build on.

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Saints Stun Suburbs In Western Derby

Division one stretched into the third last round and results from this week's fixtures affected both the top and bottom of the ladder. It also sets out to make for an interesting fortnight especially at the bottom end of the table.

Friday night saw two games with the first taking place at Keysborough with the Springvale White Eagles defeating North Coburg by a score of 2-1 in what was an entertaining game by two of the form teams of the competition right now. Springvale's goal scorers were Ross Duckworth and Jason Damizantos, while Mustafa Mustafa was the scorer to the North Coburg side.

At The Anderson reserve Port Melbourne and Brunswick City shared a tame nil all draw in a result that puts Brunswick in danger of being dragged into the bottom three. This result coupled with Bentleigh's win drags Brunswick into third bottom spot, which is the dreaded playoff position. Brunswick's form suggests they may be in danger.

Altona East was defeated by North Geelong in a game that did no favours to its hopes of escaping the bottom three. Adrian Cervinski and Tony Saric scored for North Geelong, while Shane Di Gioachino scored for Altona. North Geelong has to win their remaining two games. The postponed game between North Geelong and Springvale may well be played as a promotion final.

In a game which really had no bearing on either side of the ladder Dandenong Thunder with two goals from Nishida Masumi were able to travel to Lawton Park and Defeat a lackluster Langwarrin outfit.

Western Suburbs gave up their advantage at the top of the ladder with a shock 2-0 loss at home to St Albans, goals from Ilija Rados and Daniel Gecic saw the Saints home. This loss dents Suburbs hopes of clinching the championship but they have already assured they will be playing VPL football next season.

The final game down at the Kingston heath saw Bentleigh record a 3-2 win and drag themselves out of the bottom three for the first time in a long time. Goal scorers were not available as this went to print but five goals would indicate a very open and hard fought contest in a game which was vital for both sides survival aspirations.

There iss still a lot of scenarios to play out but that game that was postponed between North Geelong and Springvale could end up being one heck of an important game.

By Reuben Schembri
Photos by John Punshon



ROUND TWENTY-ONE
FIXTURES

- DANDENONG THUNDER
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PORT MELBOURNE
George Andrews Reserve,
Dandenong Mel: 90 D11
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- NORTH GEELONG WARRIORS
v
BENTLEIGH GREENS
Elcho Park,
Lara MEL: 608 D15
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- BRUNSWICK CITY
v
SPRINGVALE WHITE EAGLES
Dunstan Reserve,
Brunswick MEL: 29 B4
Saturday 2nd September
KO 3pm
- LANGWARRIN
v
ST ALBANS SAINTS
Lawton Park Reserve,
Baxter MEL: 107 F1
Saturday 2nd September
KO 3pm
- NORTH COBURG UNITED
v
ALTONA EAST PHOENIX
Reddish Reserve,
Glenroy Mel: 17 E4
Sunday 3rd September
KO 3pm
- NORTHCOTE CITY
v
WESTERN SUBURBS
John Cain Memorial Park,
Thornbury Mel: 31 A6
Sunday 3rd September
KO 3pm

STATE ONE SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T	
Western Suburbs SC	20	11	6	3	31	17	39		Springvale White Eagles 2 (R Duckworth, J Dimozantos)
Springvale White Eagles SC	19	11	5	3	28	18	38		North Coburg United 1 - (M Mustafa) (HT: 0-0),
North Geelong Warriors SC	19	8	8	3	40	32	32		Port Melbourne 0 Brunswick City 0 (HT: 0-0),
Langwarrin SC	20	7	9	4	34	20	30		Altona East Phoenix 1 (S Di Gioachino)
St. Albans Saints SC	20	7	8	5	24	17	29		North Geelong Warriors 2 (A Cervinski, T Saric) (HT: 0-1),
North Coburg United SC	20	6	9	5	28	20	27		Langwarrin 0 Dandenong Thunder 2 (M Nishida 2) (HT: 0-1),
Port Melbourne Sharks SC	20	5	9	6	25	30	24		Western Suburbs 0 St. Albans Saints 2 (I Ra- dos, D Gecic) (HT: 0-0),
Dandenong Thunder SC	20	5	7	8	24	31	22		Bentleigh Greens 3 Northcote City 2 (HT: -)
Bentleigh Greens SC	20	5	6	9	24	28	21		
Brunswick City SC	20	5	5	10	27	42	20		
Northcote City SC	20	4	5	11	18	30	17		
Altona East Phoenix SC	20	2	9	9	13	31	15		

STATE ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T	
Western Suburbs SC	20	14	2	4	52	20	44		Springvale W Eagles 5 North Coburg United 1,
Langwarrin SC	20	12	6	2	47	26	42		Port Melbourne 3 Brunswick City 0,
Springvale White Eagles SC	19	12	5	2	49	21	41		Altona East 2 North Geelong 1,
Dandenong Thunder SC	20	13	0	7	44	23	39		Langwarrin 1 Dandenong Thunder 3,
Northcote City SC	20	11	3	6	43	30	36		Western Suburbs 4 St. Albans Saints 0,
Brunswick City SC	20	10	3	7	37	39	33		Bentleigh Greens 1 Northcote City 1
Bentleigh Greens SC	20	5	7	8	28	38	22		
Altona East Phoenix SC	20	4	6	10	16	36	18		
North Coburg United SC	20	5	2	13	24	45	17		
Port Melbourne Sharks SC	20	4	4	12	28	46	16		
North Geelong Warriors SC	19	4	3	12	20	37	15		
St. Albans Saints SC	20	3	3	14	18	45	12		



WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Round 22



Brimbank, South Relegated

South Melbourne in action earlier in the season.



Round 22 of the Vodafone Women's Premier League shaped as a beauty, with three teams – Preston Lions, Eastern Lions and South Melbourne – all a chance to be relegated, while the minor premiership was also up for grabs with Ashburton relying on a slip-up from Box Hill to reclaim top spot and a week's break ahead of their first final.

Preston Lions were only ever a slim chance to go down, especially since they were drawn to meet Brimbank, whose relegation was confirmed some weeks ago, at B.T Connor Reserve on Sunday. And they made short work of their hapless visitors, emerging 10-1 victors in a one-sided contest. Sarah Lovett scored six and Peta Lipec claimed a hat-trick for Preston, while Therese Garreffa notched a rare goal in what has been a forgettable season for Brimbank.

There was little at stake at Comets Stadium where 4th placed Cranbourne hosted 6th placed Sandringham. Neither side could improve its position coming into the game, which ended in a 0-0 stalemate. After a promising start to its first WPL campaign, Sandringham faltered over the second half of the campaign to surrender a finals spot that seemed theirs for the taking at the turn. By contrast, Cranbourne has stormed home in the latter stages of the season, posting five wins in six games to seal 4th

spot. They loom as a dangerous wildcard in the finals series if they can successfully negotiate their Elimination Final against Keilor Park.

At Bob Jane Stadium, South Melbourne was fighting for its WPL survival against Eltham North. A tight first half saw the scores locked at 1-1 at the break, but it was Eltham that broke the deadlock in the second half to record a 2-1 win which confirmed the home side's drop to Division 1. Eltham finish the season in 8th position, an impressive feat given that they were prime candidates to go down only three weeks ago. South, who have occupied one of the bottom two spots all season, gave themselves every chance to stage a miraculous escape by defeating the Eastern Lions last week, but could not repeat the dose against an improved Eltham.

Goals to Daniela Digiammarco and Jessica Humble either side of the half-time break gave Box Hill Inter a 2-0 win over Eastern Lions and top spot on the WPL ladder. The Lions, winless over the last 12 weeks of the season, were another side that failed to live up to their early season promise, and had South Melbourne prevailed over Eltham, they would have replaced the Lakesiders in the bottom two. Inter's 20th win of the season means that they now enjoy an armchair ride into Week 2

of the Finals, where they'll take on the winner of next week's Ashburton-Heidelberg clash.

Keilor Park surprised Ashburton at Keilor Park Reserve, racing to a 3-1 half-time lead thanks to Melanie Camilleri's brace and a single to Lauren Farrugia. But Ashburton came back in the second half, goals to Seyma Erenli and Andrea Totsidis earning them a 3-3 draw and a share of the points. Both sides maintain their respective positions on the table and take good form going into the finals next week.

Bendigo Vipers hosted Heidelberg United in the final match of the round, with the Vipers playing for pride, and a possible 6th place, while Heidelberg could not improve on 3rd place. Goals to Holly Credlin and Kellie Moller for the Vipers were cancelled out by Jamara Maza and Emma Minde strikes, as the game ended 2-2. Heidelberg can now look forward to its first taste of final's action for some time, with their 5-3 conquerors from last week, Ashburton, lying in wait next week.

By George Egonidis
Photo by John Punshon

FINALS FIXTURES

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Women's Premier League SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Box Hill Inter	22	20	1	1	75	9	61	Preston Lions 10 (M Dimovska, P Lipec 3, S vett 6) Brimbank 1 (T Garreffa) (HT: 4-1).
Ashburton	22	18	3	1	92	18	57	Cranbourne Comets 0 Sandringham 0 (HT: 0-0).
Heidelberg United	22	16	2	4	88	26	50	Box Hill Inter 2 (D Digiammarco, J Humble) Eastern Lions 0 (HT: 1-0).
Cranbourne Comets WSC	22	12	5	5	58	18	41	South Melbourne 1 (L Hodgkin) Eltham North 2 (L Greco, N Paul) (HT: 1-1).
Keilor Park WSC	22	12	2	8	71	52	38	Keilor Park 3 (M Camilleri 2, L Farrugia) Ashburton 3 (A Totsidis, S Erenli 2) (HT: 3-1).
Sandringham	22	9	6	7	37	25	33	Bendigo Vipers 2 (H Credlin, K Moller) Heidelberg United 2 (J Maza, E Minde) (HT: 1-1).
Bendigo Vipers WSC	22	10	2	10	50	39	32	
Eltham North	22	6	2	14	19	60	20	
Preston Lions	22	6	1	15	26	68	19	
Eastern Lions	22	4	3	15	15	43	15	
South Melbourne	22	4	1	17	25	79	13	
Brimbank WSC	22	0	2	20	9	128	2	

Women's Premier League Reservers

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Ashburton	22	21	1	0	118	11	64	Preston Lions 5 Brimbank 0,
Sandringham	22	18	0	4	96	17	54	Cranbourne Comets 2 Sandringham 0,
Bendigo Vipers WSC	22	16	1	5	77	22	49	Box Hill Inter 4 Eastern Lions 1,
Cranbourne Comets WSC	22	16	1	5	48	20	49	South Melbourne 0 Eltham North 1,
Box Hill Inter	22	11	2	9	58	31	35	Keilor Park 0 Ashburton 2,
Keilor Park WSC	22	10	3	9	57	42	33	Bendigo Vipers 3 Heidelberg United 0
Eltham North	22	7	6	9	41	44	27	
Heidelberg United	22	7	4	11	36	41	25	
Eastern Lions	22	6	4	12	28	46	22	
South Melbourne	22	3	4	15	32	62	13	
Preston Lions	22	2	4	16	18	86	10	
Brimbank WSC	22	0	0	22	21	89	0	

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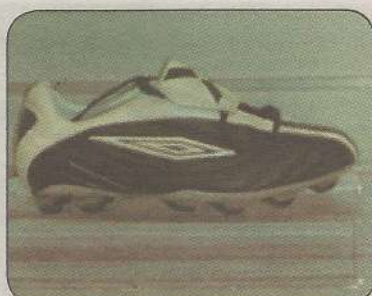
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Melbourne Victory commenced Version 2.0 of the Hyundai A-League in perfect fashion on Friday night, securing a drought snapping 2-0 victory over arch-nemesis Adelaide United at Olympic Park.

Captain Kevin Muscat was gifted the honour of netting the Victory's first goal against the Reds, opening the scoring in the 29th minute from the penalty spot after Brazilian wizard Alessandro was felled in the area while embarking on a trademark run down the flank.

Substituted on for Brazilian compatriot Fred, Claudinho sealed the victory in the 77th minute, pouncing on a loose ball in the area and ending the side's Adelaide hoodoo.

However, the game was marred by a heated half-time incident involving the ever-fiery Muscat and Alessandro, as the two commenced a shoving match before the Brazilian wizard was mysteriously substituted at the break.

Victory coach Ernie Merrick later dismissed the controversy and stated Alessandro's substitution was purely for tactical reasons.

"Nothing happened between Kevin (Muscat) and Alessandro...they are best of mates, they were cuddling each other afterwards," he said.

"What happened is I made a change. I was about to make it 10 minutes before half time and we made it at half time. We felt as though we were having trouble defending and counter attacking on the left hand flank and the mix wasn't right over on that side."

As both sides attempted to settle in a fast and furious opening five minutes, it was Melbourne which seemed more likely to threaten the Reds goal.

Continuing his impressive pre-season form, Alessandro threatened on the left flank in his first outing against last season's minor premiers, quickly drawing the ire of Adelaide's right back Richie Alagich.

On six minutes, Danny Allsopp was brought down on the edge of the area by Aaron Goulding, granting Scottish midfielder Grant Brebner a chance to demonstrate his dead ball prowess.

But the former Dundee United talisman drilled his ball into the oncoming Shengqing Qu, before moments later Allsopp was again brought down in identical fashion from behind, this time inside the area only for referee Matthew Breeze to dismiss protests.

Central defender Michael Valkanis drew the wrath of the referee in the 13th minute with a reckless challenge on Archie Thompson 20 yards out from goal.

Again, however, the chance was wasted as the ball was driven into the wall, this time by Fred.

The one-time Socceroo again made hearts flutter after a quarter of an hour, as he sliced a clearance that rattled the woodwork, forcing Melbourne to endure another few goalless minutes against United.

With Greg Owens looking ominous in the midfield, he played a magnificent through ball which sent Travis Dodd on goal in the Reds first genuine scoring opportunity, but Michael Theoklitos was up to the task smothering his strike.

However, it wasn't long before Melbourne had a chance to end its 659-minute goal drought against United as

Finally! Kevin Muscat and Grant Brebner rejoice Victory's first ever goal against Adelaide Utd much delight of Archie Thompson



Alessandro danced into the area before being brought down from behind by Alagich.

Penalty specialist Muscat stepped up to the spot and made no error, slotting the ball to the left of Robert Bajic, entering the history books as the first goal scorer

in Version 2.0 of the A-League.

Living up to Ernie Merrick's mid-week statement that the Victory would play free-flowing and exciting football, former Guarini star Fred revelled in the hole behind the attackers, with his mazy runs delighting the crowd.

Victory could have been two up after 37 minutes when Robert Cornthwaite cleared a looped Thompson header off the line after the Socceroo got his head onto a deft ball by Allsopp.

Adelaide seemed overwhelmed by dominance of the home side, but in the 40th minute Travis Dodd was left dumbfounded as to how he didn't restore parity when he latched onto a flick by Ross Aloisi that caught Theoklitos wrong footed.

Unable to reproduce the heroics of his international performance last week, the winger controlled the ball before shooting wide of an open goal to the absolute astonishment of his teammates and the small band of travelling fans.

At the break Merrick substituted Brazilian wonderkind Alessandro, replacing him with Argentinean born winger Adrian Caceres.

When Theoklitos was ruled to have handled the ball outside the area inside the first five minutes of the second half, it granted the Reds a golden chance to bring the side back on terms.

However after a freekick from Chinese star Shengqing Qu was partially cleared the ball fell wonderfully for

Greg Owens who sliced the ball high to the 15,781 strong crowd.

On their sixth game on the road out of the Adelaide seemed devoid of creativity wh forward, a sentiment that was shared by John who injected Fernando into the attack on for Jason Spagnuolo.

While Melbourne dominated the early stages, Claudinho pounced on the rebound utilising predatory instincts and slammed the ball into the net to the delight of the impressive crowd.

Nathan Burns had a chance to score a consolation goal for the away side inside the final 10 minutes of the match, but he was denied by Theoklitos, before Claudinho secured a brace at the other end of the park, sending the ball into Bajic.

After the match, Merrick praised his Brazilian wizard, despite the fact two of them, Fred and Alessandro, had been substituted within an hour of play.

"Alessandro did well, he got us a penalty and setting up several chances, then Claudinho

Victory fans brought out the fireworks!



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A-League campaign in style by defeating nemesis Adelaide United 2-0 for the very first time.

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MVFC



Michael Theoklitos (8): Fantastic night between the sticks with the highlight being a fingertip save from a close-range flick by Aloisi. Communicated well and a certainty to stay #1 according to coach Merrick.

Kevin Muscat (7): Ice cool penalty conversion, a yellow card the only blemish on a genuine display of leadership.

Daniel Piorkowski (7): Had control of the airspace, but tired late in the game allowing half-chances for the fresh substitute Fernando Rech.

Fred (7): Dynamic in the first 20 minutes, and replaced after an hour of causing trouble for the Adelaide defence. "A worker and a chaser" was Merrick's assessment.

Daniel Allsopp (7): His one-on-one miss luckily goes down as an assist in this game, but the goals are coming based on tonight's performance.

Archie Thompson (6): "Suffered fatigue" according to Merrick, and unfortunately had his best chance of the night cleared off the line. Was a livewire early.

Rodrigo Vargas (7): Solid contribution at the back and rewarded with the clean sheet. But there were enough half-chances for Adelaide to keep the back four honest.

Adrian Leijer (7): Another brave performance in the air, particularly good defending set pieces.

Simon Storey (7): Provided good attacking rebound, and a good wide option down the right flank.

Grant Brebner (7): Another influential performance in midfield, playing long balls at the right time and precise short balls as an impressive stock-standard.

Alessandro (8): Won the penalty and was electric in the first half, dazzling down the left flank.

Substitutes

Adrian Caceres (8): Equally brilliant down the left flank after replacing Alessandro, taking on 2 or even 3 defenders with impunity.

Claudio Pinheiro (8): A fantastic substitutes role, creatively linking up with Caceres constantly. Rewarded with a fine goal, and another very close chance.

Steve Pantelidis (6): "Did a good defensive job" according to coach Merrick.

Unused Subs

Eugene Galekovic

ADELAIDE UTD



Robert Bajic (6): Beaten more than twice, but bailed out by defenders off the line to keep the score at 2-0 only.

Richard Alagich (5): Conceded the penalty and had a torrid night dealing with both Alessandro, and Caceres.

Michael Valkanis (6): A yellow and almost an own goal. Got rattled by Allsopp early, but ended up nullifying him in the physical battle.

Ross Aloisi (6): Was disappointed to leave the ground as part of a tactical switch, admitting he had no injury in the post-match press conference.

Carl Veart (6): Denied the chance to steal forward from midfield, and spent the evening treading water in a rare quiet performance.

Greg Owens (7): Was arguably Adelaide's best, but the rebuttal was his awful shooting.

Travis Dodd (5): Missed an empty net in the first half, and couldn't convert a tougher chance late on after Adelaide were already 2-0 down.

Aaron Goulding (6): Committed a number of fouls, to counter his reasonable performance swinging in good crosses and passes for Qu.

Robert Cornthwaite (7): Adelaide's best at the back, clearing off the line once, and generally being brave going in for the challenge.

Shengqing Qu (6): A quiet night, and a booking, but almost scored a wondergoal from barely a half chance. He is still an elite striker in this league.

Jason Spagnuolo (5): Kicking the effects microphone when he was substituted pretty much summed up his night.

Substitutes

Angelo Costanzo (6): In this game you have to play to the whistle...specifically, the referee's whistle.

Fernando (7): Not fit enough to play 90 minutes yet according to coach Kosmina, but still burst through midfield into the forward line on two occasions with near-devastating effect.

Nathan Burns (6): Put one shot on the target, which was a good return for only eight minutes of pinch-hitting football.

Unused Subs

Daniel Beltrame

Claudio Pinheiro celebrates his first Victory goal and second for the night



and scored," he said. "I think it will be enormous for his (Claudio Pinheiro's) confidence." Reds coach John Kosmina said, "We were beaten by a hungrier team."

"Melbourne was pumped up for this game. So were we - but they were a bit more pumped than we were," he said.

By Simon Chiarelli
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HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE

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0 Newcastle Jets

The New Zealand Knights started their Hyundai A-League season with a hard-fought 0-0 draw with the Newcastle Jets at North Harbour Stadium on Sunday.

Both sides showed great endeavour, but it was a match of few chances in front of an impressive Albany crowd.

Knights coach Paul Nevin sprung a surprise when he gave Danny Milosevic a start in goal ahead of Michael Turnbull, but the change was of little consequence as Milosevic, like his counterpart, was largely undisturbed.

As has become expected for Newcastle, Nick Carle was once again at the heart of the Jets' play, although he was forced to play a deeper role, with Ivorian Jonas Salley operating in front of the Knights' back four.

Newcastle settled faster than the Knights with Joel Griffiths showing early signs that he will have no difficulty filling the hole left by the departure of Ante Milicic.

After an untidy opening, the first opportunity of the match came in the 10th minute when former Queensland Roar winger Jonti Richter thundered an effort onto the crossbar.

This was to be the exception rather than the norm with few opportunities in the first half for either side.

In the 31st minute, the Jets had their best chance of the half when Griffiths broke free of the rigid Knights' back four and slashed a shot across goal that should have at the very least tested Danny Milosevic in the Knights' goal.

Just prior to half-time, Griffiths had a golden opening to break the stalemate. But instead of taking the shot himself, the striker unselfishly attempted to feed a teammate and much to the delight of the Knights it came to nothing.

The second half was played at an increased tempo as both sides searched for the crucial opening to break the deadlock, but neither side was able to find the final telling ball.

The Jets had the better of the play in the final half hour, but the Knights' defence, led superbly by Che Bunce and Neil Emblen, was able to prevent any dangerous goal-scoring threats.

Against the run of play, the Knights had a chance to go ahead in the 71st minute when Sean Devine managed to create some space in the Newcastle penalty area.



But the Newcastle defence was able to do enough to prevent the striker from getting a shot away to test the rookie goalkeeper.

Devine was able to strike a shot on target seven minutes later, but on this occasion his effort was too tame to trouble Kennedy.

In a hectic finish to the match, which saw the Knights come back into the match, substitute Michael White had a great influence after com-

ing on for Richter.

But it was to no avail, the Jets holding on for the draw and handing the Knights a point to open the season.

**New Zealand Knights 0
Newcastle Jets 0**

By Brenton Vannisselroy, Courtesy of FFA

Sydney FC Does It Again



1 Sydney FC



0 CC Mariners

Sydney FC has begun its Hyundai A-League on a winning note but it needed two wonder-saves from goalkeeper Clint Bolton to hold on for a 1-0 victory against Central Coast Mariners at Aussie Stadium.

In a repeat of last season's Grand Final, which Sydney also won 1-0, the Mariners gave Sydney a stern test and could well have taken the points themselves.

But Iain Fyfe's first Hyundai A-League goal in the 51st minute proved decisive, with Bolton performing heroics either side of that goal to clinch the win for the reigning premier.

New coach Terry Butcher started all eight Sydney players included in the Qantas Socceroos squad for the recent Asian Cup qualifier against Kuwait and his side looked jaded in the first half.

Sydney dominated possession in the opening minutes, with Steve Corica having the first shot at goal after exchanging passes with striker Sasho Petrovski, but then the visitors took control.

First, Andre Gumprecht, Jamie McMaster and Damien Brown combined well on the left and striker Adam Kwasnik headed over from Brown's cross.

Wayne O'Sullivan then volleyed over from the edge of the box in the ninth minute before Bolton was out quick to prevent McMaster getting a shot away from Gumprecht's through-ball.

Off-season signing Alex Brosque gave Sydney some respite, his shot from Petrovski's flick easily saved, but in the 21st minute the home side needed a superb save from Bolton to remain level.

A right-wing corner came back out to Brown, whose cross eventually found an unmarked Kwasnik at the back post, and although the Mariner headed back across Bolton, the Qantas Socceroos keeper managed to make a save.

Butcher tried to rally his troops on the sideline and in the 32nd minute they responded, Brosque finding Dave Carney in space in the area, only for Tony Vidmar to block his shot.

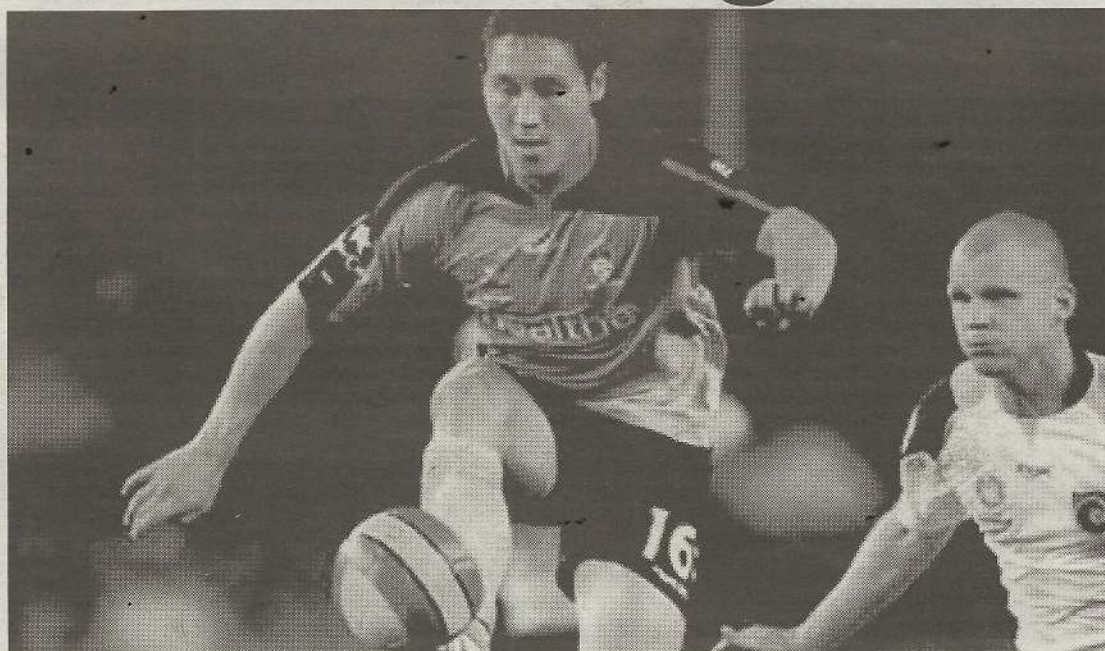
Brosque then sent a 25-yard effort narrowly wide before team-mate Alvin Ceccoli was found wanting, allowing Brown's cross to sail over him to Andrew Clark, who blazed into the side-netting from a wide position.

Sydney still had a great chance to go into half-time in front, when unmarked debutant Nikolai Topor-Stanley headed wide at the back post from Corica's left-wing corner.

But Sydney managed to get its noses in front six minutes after the restart following a high ball into the Mariners' box.

Petrovski brought the ball down but left it for the onrushing Fyfe, whose right-footed drive fizzed past Danny Vukovic at his near post.

That goal settled Sydney and Brosque fired over from



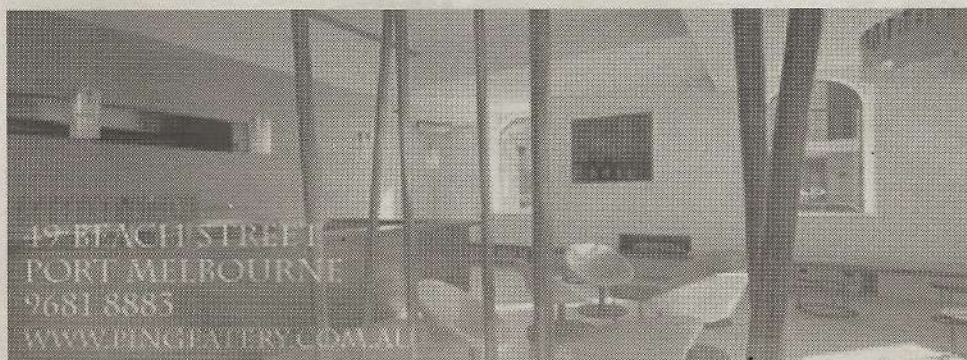
distance before Mark Milligan had a great chance to double the lead after Petrovski's surge down the left, but Vidmar was again on hand to make the block.

The Qantas Socceroo defender made a rare lapse in the 69th minute to let in Dave Carney, who cut back inside Vidmar before shooting left-footed into the side-netting.

Central Coast replied, with Bolton forced to palm a 20-yard effort from McMaster wide, and the Sydney keeper produced another fine save to deny Kwasnik with 12 minutes remaining.

Vuko Tomasevic drilled the ball across goal for the unmarked Kwasnik, who side-footed goalwards from close range, but again it was too close to Bolton, whose block on the line ensured the three points for Sydney.

**Sydney FC 1 (Fyfe 51)
Central Coast Mariners 0**



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HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE

Queensland Off To A Flyer



3 Qld Roar



0 Perth Glory

Three goals in the final 10 minutes have handed Queensland Roar an exciting 3-0 win over Perth Glory in the sides' Hyundai A-League opener at Suncorp Stadium.

There were shades of the Roar's opener against New Zealand last season with the game deadlocked at 0-0 before off-season recruits Simon Lynch and Dario Vidosic and defender Stuart McLaren scored within six pulsating second-half minutes.

Vidosic's substitution in the 63rd minute proved the catalyst for Queensland's victory, the 19-year-old showing an intelligence upfront the Roar had lacked for much of the proceedings.

A healthy 20,606-strong crowd was starting to relive last year's goalscoring woes before the tireless Ante Milicic charged down former Roar defender Tyler Simpson's attempted clearance and Lynch drilled a low angled shot across the face of goalkeeper Aleks Vrteski.

Two minutes later, Vidosic scored himself after playing an intelligent ball through to Lynch before cleverly clipping the Scotsman's return over Vrteski in stylish fashion.

McLaren sealed the win when the second-half substitute slotted home the Roar's third within four minutes of his arrival for the hard-working Reinaldo.

Perth captain Jamie Harnwell had nodded the best chance of the first-half inches wide of Liam Reddy's right-hand post before the Brazilian headed over from close range and Ante Milicic hit the post in the second term as the tension at Suncorp mounted.

Returning Soccerroo wideman Stan Lazaridis had a quiet Hyundai A-League debut for Perth.

New Glory head coach Ron Smith named only three players - skipper Harnwell, Stuart Young and Naum Sekulovski - which started the Glory's previous Hyundai A-League encounter on



And with Roar boss Miron Bleiberg also naming six debutants in his starting XI, the first-half saw little fluidity from either side.

In a strangely un-Roar like opening 20 minutes, the Queenslanders offered little penetration with just a pair of half-chances falling to Hyuk-Su Seo and the debuting Lynch.

The Roar continued to press, with Milicic coming more into the game playing just behind the front two, but in truth never seriously tested 17-year-old Glory goalkeeper Vrteski.

Then, after Chad Gibson had tripped Sekulovski on the edge of the area, Leo Bertos forced Reddy - preferred to former Roar custodian Tom Willis in the Queensland goal - into the first save of his Roar league career.

Reddy's stop signalled Perth's revival and from Lazaridis' inswinging corner - making his first domestic appearance on Australian soil for 11 years - Harnwell headed fractionally wide with the keeper stationary.

Minutes later, the till then anonymous Marcus Wedau escaped his midfield markers, could have

pass to Lynch whose angled drive was somehow saved by Vrteski's legs from close range.

After the interval, an unmarked Reinaldo missed the target from five metres after leaping to meet Lynch's floated cross before McKay's shot was tipped over.

Reddy then almost gifted Perth the lead when twice in matter of seconds he missed his punched clearance but Harnwell failed to capitalise with the goal at his mercy.

Milicic was fractions away from breaking the deadlock when Vidosic cleverly returned Andrew Packer's deep cross to the back post but the anguished striker watched as his sliding effort rebound off the post.

But it wasn't long before the Queensland crowd could breathe a sign of relief as Lynch pounced to open his Roar account, Vidosic added a second and McLaren wrapped up the three points.

Queensland Roar 3
(Lynch 79, Vidosic 81, McLaren 85)
Perth Glory 0

Youngster Come Through With Goods

Queensland Roar coach Miron Bleiberg's off-season recruitment policy has already started to repay the club with three newcomers to this season's full squad scoring the goals in Saturday night's thrilling 3-0 win over Perth Glory.

Late strikes from Simon Lynch, Dario Vidosic and Stuart McLaren - who played last season only as short-term cover for injuries - sealed a last-gasp victory for the Queenslanders after Perth almost held out for Ron Smith's first point as head coach.

After close on 80 minutes of play, neither side really deserved to take all three points but when the impressive Ante Milicic - another new acquisition who spurned three second-half chances himself - blocked an attempted clearance, goal-sniffer Lynch pounced for his maiden goal in Queensland colours.

Lynch then returned the favour for Vidosic for the second before McLaren, again set up by the industrious Milicic, slammed home a third.

Although for long stretches the match was reminiscent of the Roar's dire home form of last season, Bleiberg argued this year his side are a different proposition.

"The young team of last year might have started to panic," Bleiberg said. "I think the old heads helped a lot." All the focus turned to Vidosic after the game, the Young Soccerroo striker making a sparkling debut after replacing captain Chad Gibson midway through the second half.

Following a sequence of bad luck with injuries, illness and even a car accident, Vidosic said afterwards he was just pleased to be involved but his arrival brought a previously lacking astuteness to the Roar's attacking play. Even so, the Queensland coach still attempted to play down the role played by the youngster Bleiberg believes is one of the best kept secrets of Australian football.

"It's not so much Dario as the effect of bringing off a defender and putting on a striker," Bleiberg said. "That's what changed the game."

"The fact that Dario is so talented and delightful to watch ... just adds to it. It was the combination of the tactical change plus the fact that Dario is quality. We can't deny it."

For Perth, Lazaridis' first league match in Australia for over a decade didn't run quite to the script with the Soccerroo admitting he struggled to have an influence on the game.

"The first 15 minutes I don't think I touched the ball to be honest," Lazaridis said afterwards.

"(But) I'll get quicker and I'll get sharper. I think that will come with the games."

By Marc Fox, Courtesy of FFA

Round 1 Scoreboard

Melbourne Victory 2 - 0 Adelaide Utd
Friday 25 August, Olympic Park Crowd 15781

Goals: '29 K.Muscat (MV) (pen), '78 Claudinho (MV)
Yellow Cards: '14 M.Valkanis (AU), '21 Q.Shengquing (AU) '58 K.Muscat (MV)

Melbourne: M.Theoklitos, K.Muscat, D.Piorkowski, Fred (Claudinho 19), D.Ailsopp, A.Thompson (S.Pantalidis 81), R.Vargas, A.Leijer, S.Storey, G.Brebnier, Alessandro (A.Caceres 45)

Adelaide Utd: R.Bajic, R.Alagich (N.Burns 83), M.Valkanis, R.Aloisi (A.Costanzo 63), C.Veart, G.Owens, T.Dodd, A.Goulding, R.Cornthwaite, Q.Shengquing, J.Spagnuolo (F.Rech 67)

QLD Roar 3 - 0 Perth Glory
Saturday 26 August, Suncorp Stadium Crowd: 20606

Goals: '79 S.Lynch (QR), '82 D.Vidosic (QR), '85 S.McLaren (QR)
Yellow Cards: '13 J.Christie (PG) '35 T.Simpson (PG)

Queensland: L.Reddy, A.Packer, C.Gibson (D.Vidosic 63), J.McCloughan, M.Wedau (M.Murdock 8), S.Lynch, A.Milicic, R.da Costa (S.McLaren 82), M.McKay, H.Seo, S.Ognevski

Perth Glory: A.Vrteski, D.Tarka, S.Colosimo, J.Harnwell, J.Christie (D.Micevski 57), S.Lazaridis, L.Bertos, A.Kovacevic, S.Young, N.Sekulovski (M.Saric 58), T.Simpson (A.Webster 84)

New Zealand Knights 0 - 0 Newcastle Jets
Sunday 27 August, North Harbour Stadium

Yellow Cards: '35 J.Salley (NK), '53 A.Durante (NJ), '82 J.Durante (NJ), '88 S.Webb (NJ)

New Zealand: D.Milosevic, D.Bazeley, G.Duruz, C.Bunce, N.Embley, R.Johnson, S.Gemmill, S.Devine A.Casey 79), J.Richter (M.White 76), J.Salley, M.Buari

Newcastle: B.Kennedy, A.Durante, M.Thompson, V.Coveney, N.Carle, P.Okon, J.Wheelhouse (S.Webb 39 (S.Old 89)), S.Musialik, L.Haitti, J.Griffiths, M.Bridge (T.Ozbey 75)

Sydney FC 1 - 0 Central Coast Mariners
Sunday 27 August, Aussie Stadium, Crowd: 19274

Goals: '52 I.Fyfe (SF)
Yellow Cards: '17 A.Gumprecht (CCM), '90 A.Clarck (CCM)

Sydney: C.Bolton, I.Fyfe, A.Ceccoli, M.Rudan, S.Corica, S.Petrovski (D.Zdrilic 66), D.Camey, A.Brosque (R.Middleby 75), M.Milligan (U.Talay 90), D.Yorke, N.Topor-Stanley

Central Coast: D.Vukovic, W.O'Sullivan, N.Spencer, A.Gumprecht (M.Osman 52), J.McMaster, D.Brown (T.Pondeljack 72), T.Vidmar, V.Tomasevic, A.Clark, A.Wilkinson (P.O'Grady 82), A.Kwasnik

A-League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Queensland Roar	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Melbourne Victory	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Sydney FC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Newcastle Jets	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
New Zealand Knights	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
CC Mariners	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Adelaide Utd	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Perth Glory	1	0	0	1	0	3	0



Round 2 Fixtures

Newcastle Jets FC
vs
Queensland Roar FC
Fri 1 Sep 06
Energy Australia Stadium 8.00 pm

New Zealand Knights FC
vs
Adelaide United FC
Sat 2 Sep 06
North Harbour Stadium 10.30 am

Melbourne Victory FC
vs
Sydney FC
Sat 2 Sep 06
Telstra Dome 7.00 pm

Perth Glory FC
vs
Central Coast Mariners FC
Sun 3 Sep 06
Members Equity Stadium 5.00 pm

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TRANSFER GOSSIP With George Egonidis

With the transfer window set to close at midnight on Thursday, European clubs have a busy week ahead as they count their cash, plot last ditch swoops and wheel and deal to finalise their squads before another long campaign.

Arsenal and Chelsea's protracted summer negotiations over the futures of **Ashley Cole** and **William Gallas** will go down to the wire as both clubs refuse to back down in their demands. Chelsea chief executive Peter Kenyon has declared his club's £16m bid for Cole their "final offer", and given that Cole has not featured for Arsenal this term, is rightly confident that a deal will be brokered in the next few days. But there is still some haggling to do between now and then, since the Gunners' valuation of Gallas at £5m – half the price that Chelsea have put on his head – and the Frenchman's £70,000-per-week wage demands, are turning out to be major sticking points in negotiations. Meanwhile, Arsenal continues to entertain offers for **Jose Antonio Reyes**, who has also yet to figure in Arsene Wenger's side this season. The Gunners this week rejected an offer of £8m from Atlético Madrid, and are holding out for a bid of over £12m, which is likely to come from Atlético's city rivals, Real. Real boss **Fabio Capello** has reportedly offered Brazilian Robinho as a straight swap for Reyes, an offer that was flatly refused by the Gunners. Wenger is hoping for a cash settlement so that he can pursue his interest in French star **Franck Ribery**, whom he sees as a ready-made replacement for Reyes.

Aside from Reyes, Real also hope to sign Milan playmaker **Kaka** this week. A promise to sign the Brazilian international was a key element of President Ramon Calderon's election campaign, but Milan, who were reinstated to the Champions League after appealing their match-fixing penalty, are unlikely to allow a player of Kaka's quality to leave. And with Real refusing to entertain the notion of **Ronaldo** moving the other way in part-exchange, the deal is looking less likely by the day.

Having made four major summer signings, the size of the Real squad is bulging, and they are set to offload a number of players in the next few days. **Jonathan Woodgate** has attracted much interest from English clubs, and is likely to join Middlesbrough – although Newcastle and Liverpool are also in the frame – if they can meet his £70,000-per-week wage demands.



Capello hopes to add Brazilian superstar Kaka to his playing roster

Thomas Gravesen (to either Celtic or Newcastle), Ivan Helguera, Alvaro Mejia and Paco Pávon are also set to depart, while Capello is weighing up a £10m offer from Tottenham for Brazilian midfielder **Julio Baptista**. The 24-year-old attacking midfielder cost the Spanish giants £13m last summer, and Real would hope to recoup that entire fee if he is to move on so soon.

But Baptista is not the only man in **Martin Jol**'s sights. With money from Michael Carrick's transfer burning a hole in his back pocket, he this week upped his offer for Middlesbrough's **Stewart Downing** to £10m. And should he fail to secure Downing, his second choice seems to be Luis Boa Morte, whom Chris Coleman will only allow to leave for a "serious" amount of money. Roma central defender Samuel Kuff-

four, Chelsea's **Wayne Bridge**, Lyon striker Hatem Ben Arfa, and Parma's Australian midfielder Vince Grella are also targets for Jol in what promises to be an extremely busy week at White Hart Lane.

And in brief...

► AC Milan and Bayern Munich have joined Manchester United in pursuit of Argentine Carlos Tevez, who is refusing to play for his club Corinthians and continues to agitate for move to Europe.

► Portsmouth are lining up a move for Fenerbahce star Stephen Appiah but face stiff competition from several Spanish sides, including Atlético Madrid.

► Arsenal have had talks with a Corinthians repre-

sentative over signing Argentina midfielder Javier Mascherano.

► Arsenal and Manchester United will both attempt to sign West Ham captain Nigel Reo-Coker before the transfer window shuts on Friday.

► West Ham have offered £2.5m for Fulham's Steed Malbranque, but could be trumped by Everton who are willing to exchange Simon Davies for the 26-year-old Belgian.

► Middlesbrough could offer Abel Xavier a way back into football after the player completed his one-year ban for doping.

► Exciting Preston striker David Nugent is another potential Middlesbrough target.

► Birmingham have offered £1.5m for Charlton's Marcus Bent – £500,000 short of the Addicks' valuation.

► Newcastle are interested in signing Chelsea defender Robert Huth.

► Bayern Munich expect to complete the signing of Mark van Bommel from Barcelona this week, which could pave the way for Owen Hargreaves to move to Manchester United.

► Mateja Kezman looks set to sign for Turkish outfit Fenerbahce after slipping down the pecking order at Atlético Madrid.

Major moves completed this week.

Nicolas Anelka [Fenerbahce – Bolton] £8m
Obafemi Martins [Inter Milan – Newcastle] £10.1m
Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink [PSV Eindhoven – Celtic] £5m
Andre Ooijer [PSV Eindhoven – Blackburn] Undisclosed
Kevin Phillips [Aston Villa – West Brom] £700,000
Khalid Boulahrouz [Hamburg – Chelsea] Undisclosed
Anthony Le Tallec [Liverpool – Sochaux] Loan
Dirk Kuyt [Feyenoord – Liverpool] Undisclosed

UK FOOTBALL WRAP

Man City Gets Over Arsenal

MANCHESTER, Aug 26- A first-half penalty by Joey Barton was all Manchester City needed to defeat Arsenal 1-0 on Saturday, their first win over the Gunners since 1991.

Arsenal, who qualified for the Champions League in midweek, were left to rue a ton of missed chances in a game they likely should have won at Eastlands.

The Gunners' first missed chance came in the 14th minute as Thierry Henry was clean through on goal against Nicky Weaver, but the Frenchman saw the City goalkeeper make a kick save.

Henry, who was plagued by bad touches and looked just a bit off his game in general, missed two more occasions before Robin van Persie hit the post with Weaver beaten.

Arsenal's profligacy proved their downfall in the 41st minute when Justin Hoyte hauled down Trevor Sinclair in the penalty area, allowing Barton to beat Jens Lehmann for a 1-0 lead.

The second half saw more of Arsenal missing the target as van Persie twice missed good chances, once dragging a shot wide, and then hitting a free header from a corner kick to the wrong side of the post.

Towards the end, Arsenal uncharacteristically resorted to sending in long balls in the hopes of finding a deflection, but City's defense was resolute and it earned them three valuable points.

Giggs the hero as United edge Watford

WATFORD, Aug 26- Another valiant performance by Premiership newcomers Watford wasn't enough on Saturday as they were beaten at home 2-1 by league leaders Manchester United.

The Red Devils got off to another flying start in the 12th minute as French defender Mikael Silvestre turned home a ball from countryman Louis Saha to give United a 1-0 lead.

Goalkeeper Richard Lee withstood a barrage from United in the moments after the goal, and his resilience paid off for the Hornets as they found a shock equalizer in the 34th minute.

Damien Francis slotted home his second goal of the season for Watford after a wonderful right-wing cross by Ashley Young picked out his teammate at the far post for a simple finish.

Darius Henderson's deflection of a free kick nearly produced a go-ahead goal for Watford early in the second half, but they were made to pay for their miss as Ryan Giggs struck in his 600th United appearance.

Darren Fletcher dispossessed Matthew Spring and then fed the ball forward for the Welsh midfielder who easily rounded Lee and slotted into the empty net.

Liverpool beat West Ham at Anfield

LIVERPOOL, Aug 26- Liverpool needed to come back from behind to beat West Ham United 2-1 at Anfield Road on Saturday, with goals from Daniel Agger and Peter Crouch.

The opening goal came after just twelve minutes. A cross from Bobby Zamora was horribly misjudged by goalkeeper Claudio Reyna, who pushed the ball into his own goal for 0-1.

The Reds changed things in the last five minutes of the first half however. Daniel Agger struck past Roy Carroll to score his first ever goal for Liverpool, after conquering the ball in midfield.

Striker Peter Crouch scored his team's second, three minutes later. Crouch received the ball from Steven Gerrard, got past the keeper and then easily scored for 2-1.

Easy Win For United

LONDON, Aug 23 - Manchester United have achieved an easy 0-3 victory at Charlton Athletic



on Wednesday, although it took until the second half for the Red Devils to make a difference.

Bad defense by Charlton defender Jon Fortune allowed Darren Fletcher to break the deadlock in the third minute after the break.

In the 80th minute, a second goal was added by Frenchman Louis Saha, who fired home from about nineteen meters.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer showed that he can still score for the Mancunians, and set the score to 0-3 in the dying minutes.

Boro stun Chelsea with late barrage

MIDDLESBROUGH, Aug 23- With 10 minutes left in the match, it looked to be another Chelsea victory, but Middlesbrough stunned the champions with two late goals to snatch a 2-1 win in the Premiership.

Middlesbrough started the brighter of the two sides with Gaizka Mendietia and Yakubu both coming close for the Teessiders, but the champions showed their superior skill and went in front on 16 minutes.

Wayne Bridge raced into the area from the left side, and Andriy Shevchenko's sliding shot took a deflection from George Boateng and rolled slowly past Mark Schwarzer.

Frank Lampard nearly had a much more beautiful goal in the 28th minute when he hit a laser shot on target from distance, but a diving Schwarzer preserved the 1-0 score.

Chelsea had the better of the play from there on and should have gone 2-0 up through Lampard in the 62nd minute when he missed from close range. His misses would prove to be part of Chelsea's demise.

With 10 minutes left, Fabio Rochemback swung in a free kick from the left, and Emanuel Pogatzetz rose completely unchallenged and buried a free header to make it 1-1.

Lampard came ever so close to the winner a minute from time when a 30-yard free kick appeared headed for the low corner, but Schwarzer made yet another diving stop to deny the Chelsea hit man.

That save proved huge for the home side as the game entered injury time as substitute Mark Viduka turned in a close range shot after Yakubu knocked down a left-wing cross inside the area, despite the presence of four blue shirts.

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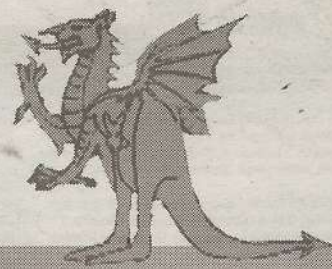
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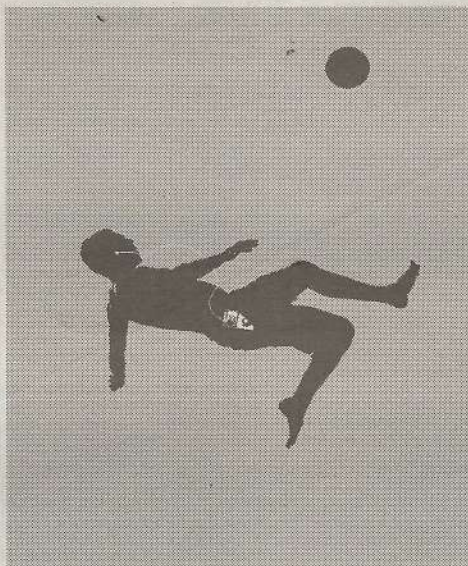
a pom's home view



When I arrived on these Australian shores a couple of years ago, my immediate concerns were not where should I live or getting a job, but how do I gain access to English football and keep up to date with the latest action and news. It is difficult for spoilt Poms deprived of Sky Sports, BBC Five Live, Match of the Day and back page tabloids, and with new season upon us, I thought I would share some knowledge...

Besides SBS World Games programme, that shows brief highlights of selective matches, the Premiership can only be found on Fox Sports. This consists of usually three live games on Saturday evening, Sunday morning and two on Sunday/Monday. These games are generally repeated including 40-minute match extended highlights on Sunday afternoon and 1 hour highlight special at 6pm on Monday that includes player and manager interviews. Mid week matches are infrequently shown, and often like this week vanish from scheduling, only to reappear in goal highlights on the Friday Premiership Preview show at 10pm. This year Fox Sports are also showing the Championship (the league below the Premiership). ESPN shows select matches from The FA Cup, the Champions League and International fixtures - qualification matches and friendlies.

The League Cup is less easy to find, and I believe only the final is broadcasted. I discovered this to my horror when Chelsea met Liverpool in the Cup Final in 2005. The Celtic Club in Melbourne was the only place that I could find that was screening it. Unfortunately, as I was incapable of spending 4 hours drinking, waiting for the match to kick off at 2am, I turned up at midnight



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to find that the club was full. I spent the match in my Chelsea blue perched on the windowsill outside along with 25 Liverpool supporters. While Liverpool led for the majority of the match, at least I was relieved with the final result.

For those who enjoy greater detailed player and game analysis, have a better appreciation of technology and are interested in listening as well as watching shows on football; then a computer and an iPod (or MP3 player) is ideal. BBC Five live radio (www.bbc.co.uk/fivelive) can be listened to with a simple Real Player programme, the site has a simple easy to follow instruc-

tions. The best regular shows include: '606', a 1 hour fan phone in - which immediately follows match days, 'Rumour Mill', a 1 hour round up of rumours and gossip with agents and tabloid experts and 'Fighting Talk', a 1 hour comedy quiz where football guests and comedians compete in an ad-lib and anarchic fashion. The programmes are downloadable free in a listen-again service at any time and as a pod cast. Pod casts are subscriptions to your computer, which will automatically download the latest episodes then transfer to your iPod if required. Another great pod cast is The Beautiful Game, (<http://beautifulgamepodcast.blogspot.com/>) where four Poms discuss the week's happenings with some quirky insights.

If technology is not a concern, Dropit (www.dropit.com.au) may interest you. Dropit is an internet service which allows you to download football direct to your computer for the ludicrously cheap cost of \$8 per year. Football games include pretty much everything, from International friendlies to Premiership and Cup games that can not be found on Fox and ESPN. By all accounts the service claims to be perfectly legal. It all sounds far too good to be true. The only downside appears to be that it is only possible through a PC, which means I have not been able to try it as I have a Mac. If anyone does sample Dropit please write in with a review. If anyone requires any more information on the above or has more information to offer to Goal! Weekly - please write in and let us know. In the meantime, enjoy the season.

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THE GREAT LEVELER

This week saw the first round of the CIS League Cup. In last weeks column, I argued that this tournaments great trait is that it pairs up SPL sides against clubs from the under strength lower divisions. In away games, the players love playing in big stadiums, against footballers they'll normally watch on TV. At home games, their communities and supporters love the novelty of seeing a big club play at their local suburban ground. But the best matches are when the lower side upsets the status quo and wins.

Queens Park produced such a result this week, when they beat Aberdeen on penalties, in what could well be the upset of the year. Queens Park are Third Division regulars. Since 1900 they've only won promotion four times, and are often sent back down the following season. Of the 42 teams in the Scottish leagues, they are the only one that remains amateur.

But what they lack in success, Queens Park make up for in history and prestige. They are the oldest in Scotland, having been established in 1867, and were instrumental in establishing the Scottish Football Association. They were once the biggest club in Scotland, dominating the league in the same way Celtic



Celtic new signing Jan Vennegoor got off the mark nicely

and Rangers do today. The first national side in 1872 was made up entirely of Queens Park players. Queens Park own Hampden Park, Scotland's national stadium, and are the only side to play home games there. These days they'll only attract a few hundred supporters yet they still play at the 52,000 seated stadium. Only one stand is opened, and no one bothers segregating the away fans. This is the same pitch that hosts the national team, Scottish cup finals, and in 2002, a Champions League final. They would have played Aberdeen there too, except it had already been booked for a Rolling Stones concert. Queens Park's downfall came with the introduction of professionalism to Scottish football. They resisted the switch, choosing to remain amateur. It's a decision they continue to stick with to this day, even if it

means forever languishing in lowest division. Such martyrdom and dedication to the values of amateurism has to be admired. It's nice that this perseverance is rewarded with an occasional victory.

SCOTS IN EUROPE

On Wednesday Hearts lost to AEK Athens 3-0, completely killing-off any chance of Champions League football. That man Vladimir Romanov, who seems to get more eccentric every week, responded by blaming the referees. He then went to on claim that not one of the AEK players would be good enough to play for Hearts, even if they did beat his side 5-1 over two matches.

Hearts will now have to play Sparta Prague in the first round of the UEFA Cup. Rangers have been

drawn against Norwegian side Molde. Molde is a small town on Norway's west coast, and their side are currently last in the Norwegian Tippeligaen. If both Hearts and Rangers can overcome their respective opponents, they'll qualify for the UEFA Cup group stages.

In Champions League, Celtic has been drawn against Manchester United, Benfica and FC Copenhagen. Having lost 3-0 to a second-string Man U side last month, Celtic won't be confident travelling to Old Trafford.

Benfica were quarter finalists last season, and FC Copenhagen beat Ajax 2-0 in Amsterdam to qualify. Their won't be any easy games, but Benfica will at least provide a nostalgic trip to Lisbon. It was there that Celtic beat Inter Milan in the 1967 European Cup final, an event that has been immortalised at Parkhead ever since.

SPL

A few days ago Celtic signed PSV striker Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink.

So long is his surname that to fit it onto the back of his shirt, it almost formed a semi-circle around his number 10. And within minutes of being brought on against Hibs, in his first ever match, he scored a goal. Celtic won 2-1, having come back from a goal down.

In other matches, both Motherwell and Dundee United won their first games of the year. Well beat Falkirk 1-0, and are now off the bottom of the table, while Dundee United beat newly promoted upstarts St. Mirren 3-1. After their embarrassing loss to Queens Park, Aberdeen manager Jimmy Calderwood made six changes to his side. The Dons bounced back by beating Dunfermline 1-0. Hearts also responded well after their mid-week loss to AEK, by beating Inverness CT 4-1.



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MILO Boys S/E 16 Super League: Round 17: Southern Stars 1 Oakleigh 1, Knox City 3 South Eastern Piranhas 0, South Melbourne 2 Bulleen 4, Glen Waverley 2 Doncaster Rovers JSC 0, Whitehorse 0 Bentleigh Greens

MILO Boys S/E 15 Super League: Round 17: Beaumaris Bye, Noble Park 0 Box Hill Inter 4, South Melbourne 3 Bulleen 2, Gippsland Soccer League 0 Doncaster Rovers JSC, Whitehorse 0 Kingston City 4

MILO Boys S/E 14 Super League: Round 17: Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 Beaumaris 0, Knox City 1 Box Hill Inter 3, South Melbourne 1 Bulleen 0, Manningham 4 Endeavour Utd 1, Whitehorse 0 Chelsea 2

MILO Boys S/E 13 Super League: Round 17: Dandenong City 3 Beaumaris 2, Box Hill Inter 10 Baxter 0, Mornington 3 Bulleen 1, Nunawading City 1 Monash City 1, Gippsland Soccer League 0 Knox City

MILO Boys N/W 16 Super League: Round 17: Green Gully Bye, North City Lions 2 Essendon Royals 3, Hoppers Crossing Melbourne Knights, Sydenham Park 3 Preston Lions 2, Whittlesea Stallions 3 Brimbank 0

MILO Boys N/W 15 Super League: Round 17: Bye Essendon Royals, Fawkner 1 Kellor Park 2, Moreland United Green Gully, Epping City 1 Altona East 3, Melbourne Knights 2 Brimbank 2

MILO Boys N/W 14 Super League: Round 17: North Coburg Utd 5 Albion-Wodonga 0, Williamstown 0 Kellor Park 9, Fawkner Green Gully, Melbourne Knights 2 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 3, Preston Lions 1 Brimbank 0

MILO Boys N/W 13 Super League: Round 17: Preston Lions Essendon Royals, Hoppers Crossing JSC Kellor Park, Fawkner 0 Green Gully 1, Epping City Bundoora, Melbourne Knights 1 Altona Magic 0

MILO Boys Metro 18 Blue: Round 17: Bulleen 1 Brunswick City 6, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 Green Gully 2, Oakleigh Port Melbourne JSC

MILO Boys Metro 18 Orange: Round 17: Mornington Bye, Sherbrooke Rangers 3 Springvale City 2, Seaford United JSC Langwarrin, Rosebud 2 Glen Waverley 9, Mooroolbark 3 Brighton JSC 1

MILO Boys Metro 18 Purple: Round 17: Bundoora Bye, Kellor Park Bye, Northcote City 14 Preston Lions 2, Brimbank 5 St Albans 1, Essendon Royals 1 Gisborne 1

MILO Boys Metro 18 Yellow: Round 17: Bye Bye, Mornington 3 Eastern Lions 2, Brighton JSC 5 Westvale 0, Berwick City Brandon Park, Berwick Kings 1 Glen Eira 1

MILO Boys South 16 A: Round 17: Dandenong City 1 Beaumaris 6, Berwick City 1 Sandringham City 1, Doveton Springvale City, Brighton JSC 5 Langwarrin 1, Baxter 0 Bentleigh Greens 11

MILO Boys South 16 B: Round 17: Beaumaris Bye, Carrum Utd 5 Sandringham City A2, Doveton Dandenong Sparrows, Rowville Eagles Peninsula, Sandringham City B 1 Chelsea 4

MILO Boys South 15 A: Round 17: Seaford Utd 0 Cranbourne Comets 4, Dandenong Thunder 0 Sandringham City 1, Langwarrin 7 Brighton JSC 0, Berwick City 5 Hampton Park Utd 0, Mornington Springvale White Eagles

MILO Boys South 15 B: Round 17: Beaumaris 2 Dandenong City 1, Rosebud 1 Baxter 2, Endeavour United Berwick City, Brighton JSC 1 Langwarrin 5, Mornington A 1 Bentleigh Greens 8

MILO Boys South 14 A: Round 17: Beaumaris 1 Lyndale Utd 7, Berwick City 3 Sandringham City 0, Langwarrin 5 Brighton 1, Mornington 8 Hampton Park Utd 0, Baxter 0 Springvale White Eagles 15

MILO Boys South 14 B: Round 17: Dandenong City Bye, Mornington 6 Sandringham City 0, Frankston Pines Peninsula, Brighton JSC 3 Langwarrin 0, White Star Dandenong 0 Cranbourne Comets 8

MILO Boys South 13 A: Round 17: Frankston Pines Mornington, Berwick City 2 Dandenong Thunder 0, Langwarrin Brighton JSC, Doveton 7 Hampton Park Utd 0, Endeavour Utd 1 Bentleigh Greens 9

MILO Boys South 13 B: Round 17: Phillip Island Hampton Park Utd, East Bentleigh Lyndale Utd, Carrum Utd 0 Sandringham City 2, Beaumaris 2 Brighton JSC 3, Seaford Utd 0 Berwick City 4

MILO Boys South 13 C: Round 17: Beaumaris Bye, Berwick City 2 Sandringham City 1, Seaford Utd 1 Cranbourne Comets 3, Brighton 0 Langwarrin 2, Baxter 0 Springvale White Eagles 3

MILO Boys South 12 A: Round 17: Dandenong City 0 Beaumaris 1, Berwick City 1 Sandringham City 1, Langwarrin 0 Peninsula 3, Brighton JSC Hampton Park Utd, Mornington 2 Bentleigh Greens 2

MILO Boys South 12 B: Round 17: Berwick City Bye, Seaford Utd 2 Beaumaris 1, Hampton Sandringham City, Mornington 3 Brighton 0, Cranbourne Comets Chelsea

MILO Boys South 12 C: Round 17: Brighton JSC Bye, Beaumaris 1 Mornington 2, Rosebud 3 Baxter 0, Seaford Utd Langwarrin, Sandringham City Bye

MILO Boys South 12 D: Round 17: Bye Lyndale Utd, Hantsfield Hurricanes Bye, Hampton 0 Keysborough JSC 4, Peninsula 3 Casey Panthers 0, Endeavour Hills Bentleigh Greens

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 17: Sandringham City Bye, Dandenong City 0 Beaumaris 0, Cranbourne Comets Brighton, Mornington 4 Hampton 0, Heatherton Utd 3 Berwick City 2

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Purple: Round 17: Langwarrin Bye, Peninsula 0 Springvale White Eagles 4, Rosebud Noble Park, Mornington Dandenong Thunder, Sandringham City 3 Seaford Utd 1

MILO Boys South 11 Joys Blue: Round 17: Brighton Bye, Dandenong City 1 Beaumaris 3, Carrum Utd 2 Sandringham City 9, Doveton Endeavour Utd, Baxter 1 Berwick City 3

MILO Boys South 11 Joys Red: Round 17: Beaumaris 1

Hampton 2, Berwick City 1 Keysborough 8, Langwarrin 4 Brighton A 1, Brighton B 0 Hampton Park Utd 2, Sandringham City 1 Mornington 3

MILO Boys East 16 A: Round 17: Sherbrooke Rangers Bye, East Bentleigh Ashburton, Doncaster Rovers JSC 0 Manningham 2, Bulleen 0 Riversdale Raiders 2, Nunawading City 2 Glen Waverley 1

MILO Boys East 16 B: Round 17: Bye Richmond, Eastern Lions Bye, Glen Eira 3 Manningham 8, Boroondara Lions 6 Mooroolbark 3, North Caulfield 7 Boroondara 2

MILO Boys East 15 A: Round 17: Bye Richmond, Boroondara 1 South Springvale 1, South Melbourne 2 Manningham 2, Bulleen 4 Doncaster Rovers JSC 0, North Caulfield 3 Knox City 1

MILO Boys East 15 B: Round 17: Croydon City Arrows JSC 1 Nunawading City 3, Westvale 0 Brandon Park 1, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 East Bentleigh 4, Eastern Lions 1 Glen Waverley 4, North Caulfield 1 Boroondara 0

MILO Boys East 15 C: Round 17: Sherbrooke Rangers Bye, Richmond 1 Manningham 4, Port Melbourne JSC 1 Ashburton 1, Mooroolbark 1 Caulfield Utd 2, Boroondara Lions 5 Ringwood City 2

MILO Boys East 14 A: Round 17: Bulleen Bye, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Richmond 6, Eastern Lions 0 Nunawading City 2, Glen Waverley 4 Riversdale Raiders 3, Caulfield Utd 0 Kingston City 5

MILO Boys East 14 B: Round 17: Southern Stars 1 Oakleigh 1, Glen Eira 1 Clayton 1, Bulleen 1 Manningham 1, Whitehorse Melbourne Utd, North Caulfield 3 Springvale City 0

MILO Boys East 14 C: Round 17: Glen Waverley 1 Beaumaris 1, Storrington City 1 Croydon City Arrows JSC 3, Berwick City Brighton JSC, Nunawading City 0 Doncaster Rovers JSC 6, Mooroolbark 1 Knox City 4

MILO Boys East 14 D: Round 17: East Bentleigh Ashburton, Boroondara 11 Ringwood City 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC Glen Eira, Manningham 1 Chelsea 2, Hampton Eastern Lions

MILO Boys East 13 A: Round 17: North Caulfield Bye, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Richmond 4, Boroondara 0 Monash City 2, Eastern Lions 3 Ashburton 0, Nunawading City 0 Kingston City 6

MILO Boys East 13 B: Round 17: Manningham Bye, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Richmond 4, Boroondara 0 Monash City 2, Eastern Lions 3 Ashburton 0, Nunawading City 0 Kingston City 6

MILO Boys East 13 C: Round 17: Brandon Park Bye, Richmond 4 Springvale City 0, Mooroolbark 5 Caulfield Utd 1, Bye Ringwood City, North Caulfield 0 Glen Waverley 4

MILO Boys East 13 D: Round 17: North Caulfield Bye, Glen Waverley East Bentleigh, Doncaster Rovers 8 Glen Eira 0, Boroondara Lions 4 Ashburton 1, Croydon City Arrows 0 Boroondara 2

MILO Boys East 12 A: Round 17: Richmond Bye, Monash City 3 Box Hill Inter 0, South Melbourne 0 Bulleen 2, Glen Waverley 2 East Bentleigh 4, Whitehorse 1 Knox City 2

MILO Boys East 12 B: Round 17: Bye Oakleigh, Glen Waverley 1 Croydon City Arrows JSC 3, Riversdale Raiders 1 Ringwood City 1, Bulleen 5 Doncaster Rovers JSC 4, North Caulfield 1 Storrington City 2

MILO Boys East 12 C: Round 17: Bye Waverley Wanderers, Boroondara Lions 0 Brandon Park 3, Mooroolbark 4 Ashburton 0, Bulleen 1 Melbourne United 0, North Caulfield 2 Eastern Lions 0

MILO Boys East 12 D: Round 17: Bye North Caulfield, Knox City 0 Clayton 6, Doncaster Rovers JSC 2 Manningham 3, Bye Riversdale Raiders, Croydon City Arrows JSC 1 Eastern Lions 2

MILO Boys East 12 E: Round 17: Richmond 5 Bentleigh Greens 0, Caulfield United 2 Croydon City Arrows JSC 0, Bye Frankston Strikers, Bye Ringwood City, Whitehorse Northcote City

MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 17: North Caulfield Bye, Richmond 2 Oakleigh 0, Boroondara Croydon City Arrows JSC, South Melbourne 2 Box Hill Inter 1, Glen Waverley 0 Doncaster Rovers JSC 2

MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Purple: Round 17: Richmond 0 Nunawading City 4, Boroondara Monash City, South Melbourne 0 Bulleen 1, Storrington City 2 Doncaster Rovers JSC 0, Riversdale Raiders 1 Ringwood City 2

MILO Boys East 11 Joys Orange: Round 17: Clayton Bye, Richmond 2 Eastern Lions 4, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 East Bentleigh 1, Bulleen Bye, North Caulfield 0 Knox Utd 0

MILO Boys East 11 Joys Blue: Round 17: Richmond Bye, Nunawading City 1 Ashburton 0, Caulfield Utd 1 Bulleen 1, East Bentleigh 1 Manningham 0, Croydon City Arrows JSC 0 Kingston City 2

MILO Boys East 11 Joys Red: Round 17: Brandon Park Bye, Sherbrooke Rangers 1 Richmond 4, Doncaster Rovers 4 Ashburton 0, Glen Eira 1 Melbourne Utd 0, North Caulfield 0 Knox City 1

MILO Boys East 11 Joys Yellow: Round 17: Glen Waverley 1 Springvale City 0, Riversdale Raiders 1 Port Melbourne JSC 2, Mooroolbark 1 Glen Eira 0, Boroondara Lions 4 Eastern Lions 1, Ringwood City 0 Monash City 8

MILO Boys N/W 16 B: Round 17: Broadmeadows Utd 1 Altona City 0, Kellor Wolves 3 Watsonia Heights 0, Maribymong Greens Meadow Park, Sydenham Park 3 Altona East 1, Werribee City 3 Lalor Utd 0

MILO Boys N/W 14 B: Round 17: Essendon Royals Bye, Light Utd 0 North Sunshine Eagles 0, Bundoora 1 Sunshine Georgies 4, Sydenham Park 0 Altona East 5, Gisborne 1 Sunbury Utd 2

MILO Boys N/W 14 C: Round 17: Bye Werribee City, Flemington Eagles Northcote City, Lalor Utd 5 Watsonia Heights 0, Altona City 8 Essendon Royals 0

MILO Boys N/W 13 B: Round 17: North Sunshine Eagles Laverton Park, Heidelberg Utd 3 Brunswick City 3, Fawkner Brunswick Zebras, Epping City 3 North Coburg United 0, Mill Park 3 Hoppers Crossing JSC 2

MILO Boys N/W 13 C: Round 17: Plenty Valley Lions Bye, Kellor Wolves 5 Altona City 0, Whittlesea Utd 11 Mill Park 2, Brimbank City 1 Melbourne Lions 0, Brunswick Zebras 3 Westvale 0

MILO Boys North 16 A: Round 17: North Coburg Utd 1 Heidelberg Stars 5, Clifton Hill Utd Brunswick City, Moreland Utd Brunswick Zebras, Epping City 0 Bundoora 3, Eltham North 1 Light Utd 4

MILO Boys North 15 A: Round 17: Whittlesea Stallions Bye, Moreland Wolves 0 Essendon Royals 9, Eltham North 0 Brunswick City 10, Preston Lions 1 Brunswick Zebras 2, Whittlesea Utd 3 Bundoora 1

MILO Boys North 15 B: Round 17: Sunbury United Brimbank City, Heidelberg Utd Plenty Valley Lions, Yarraville 6 Carlton Youth FC 1, Brunswick Zebras 0 Lalor 2, Northcote City 1 Light Utd 3

MILO Boys North 14 A: Round 17: Hume Utd Bye, North Coburg Utd 3 Essendon Royals 0, Fawkner Eltham North, Moreland Utd Brunswick Zebras, Epping City 0 Bundoora 4

MILO Boys North 13 A: Round 17: Diamond Valley Utd 2 Essendon Royals 3, Moreland City 2 Eltham North 2, Bundoora 1 Light Utd 1, Epping City 1 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 2, Whittlesea Stallions 0 Lalor Utd 1

MILO Boys North 12 A: Round 17: North Coburg Utd 7 Essendon Royals 1, Heidelberg Utd 2 Brunswick City 5, Fawkner Epping City, North City Lions JSC 5 Bundoora 1, Hume Utd 1 Sunbury Utd 1

MILO Boys North 12 B: Round 17: Preston Lions 0 Light Utd 1, Moreland City 0 Eltham North 7, Fawkner 0 Brunswick Zebras 1, Epping City 1 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 3, Whittlesea Stallions 1 Lalor Utd 0

MILO Boys North 12 C: Round 17: Whittlesea Stallions Bye, Clifton Hill Utd Bye, Bundoora 0 Meadow Park 0, Banyule City 3 Fawkner 2, Eltham North 0 Plenty Valley Lions 2

MILO Boys North 12 D: Round 17: Moreland Wolves 1, Essendon Royals 7, Watsonia Heights 0 Greenvale Utd 5, Moreland Utd Youth Utd, Brunswick Zebras 1 Broadmeadows Utd 4, Hume Utd 4 Alphington 0

MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 17: Eltham North Bye, North City Lions JSC 5 Heidelberg Stars 1, Heidelberg Utd 0 Brunswick City 5, Bundoora 2 Brunswick Zebras 1, Epping City Preston Lions

MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Purple: Round 17: Clifton Hill Utd Bye, North City Lions JSC 0 Essendon Royals 3, Moreland City 0 Whittlesea Stallions 3, Brunswick Zebras 1 Fawkner 3, Melbourne Knights 3 Light Utd 1

MILO Boys North 11 Joys Blue: Round 17: North Coburg Utd 0 Essendon Royals 2, Light Utd North 5 Watsonia Heights 0, Moreland Utd Diamond Valley Utd, Epping City 3 Keon Park 0, Brunswick City 0 Lalor Utd 1

MILO Boys West 16 A: Round 17: St Albans 2 Western Eagles 2, Sunshine Heights 2 Gisborne 3, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0 Laverton Park 2, Albion Rovers Sunbury Utd, Kellor Park WWSA

MILO Boys West 15 A: Round 17: St Albans 1 Altona Magic 5, Hoppers Crossing JSC 0 North Sunshine Eagles 4, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0 Sunshine Georgies 2, Avondale Heights 2 Melton 0, Kellor Park 3 Brimbank 2

MILO Boys West 14 A: Round 17: Albion Rovers Bye, St Albans 1 Altona City 5, Hoppers Crossing 0 Green Gully 2, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 4 Laverton Park 2, Kellor Park 2 Brimbank 1

MILO Boys West 13 A: Round 17: Williamstown 0 Western Eagles 4, Sunshine Heights 3 Green Gully 0, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 3 Sunshine Georgies 0, Sydenham Park 0 Melbourne Knights 0, Kellor Park Werribee City

MILO Boys West 12 A: Round 17: Sunshine Heights 0 Altona City 6, Hoppers Crossing JSC 0 Kellor Park 2, Albion Rovers Green Gully, Sydenham Park 0 Werribee City 5, Melbourne Knights 0 Brimbank 3

MILO Boys West 12 B: Round 17: St Albans Bye, Gisborne 5 Green Gully 0, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 2 Sunshine Georgies 0, Avondale Heights 1 Melton 0, Kellor Park 2 Brimbank 0

MILO Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 17: Green Gully Bye, Gisborne 0 Altona City 2, Hoppers Crossing 0 Kellor Park 4, Albion Rovers Flemington Eagles, Bye WWSA

MILO Boys West 11 Joys Blue: Round 17: Bye Bye, Williamstown 2 Laverton Park 2, Werribee City 4 Satellite City Utd 1, Avondale Heights 2 Maribymong Greens 1, Kellor Park 3 Brimbank 0

MILO Boys West 11 Joys Red: Round 17: Bye Bye, St Albans 0 Altona City 2, Sunbury Utd 0 Green Gully 4, Gisborne 0 Sunshine Georgies 10, Sydenham Park 1 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 5

MILO Girls Metro 18 Green: Round 17: St Albans Bye, Bundoora 6 Bulleen 2, Sydenham Park 3 Brunswick Zebras 1, Heidelberg United Sandringham City, Whitehorse Bye

MILO Girls Metro 18 Purple: Round 17: Sherbrooke Rangers Bye, Noble Park, Glen Eira 0 Mornington 3, Langwarrin Endeavour Utd, Croydon City Arrows JSC 0 Berwick City 1

MILO Girls Metro 15 A: Round 17: Glen Eira Bye, Westgate 1 Epping City 5, Richmond 1 Beaumaris 0, Watsonia Heights 1 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 4

MILO Girls Metro 15 B: Round 17: Bye Bye, Rosebud 1 Sandringham City 1, Langwarrin 0 Brighton JSC 0, Boroondara Lions 3 Mornington 0, Baxter 2 Berwick City 4

MILO Girls Metro 15 C: Round 17: Sherbrooke Rangers Bye, Bye North Caulfield, Mornington Croydon City Arrows JSC, Brighton JSC 0 East Bentleigh 2, Hampton Park Utd 1 Eastern Lions 2

MILO Girls Metro 13 A: Round 17: Knox City 2 Sandringham City 0, Peninsula 0 Mornington 0, Brighton JSC 8 Sherbrooke Rangers 0, Baxter 1 Berwick City 2, Croydon City Arrows JSC 0 Beaumaris 0

MILO Girls Metro 13 B: Round 17: Doncaster Rovers JSC 11 Brighton JSC 0, Brunswick Zebras 1 Nunawading City 2, Richmond 0 Dandenong Thunder 0, Carrum Utd 1 Sunbury Utd 1, Boroondara Lions 2 Western Eagles 0

MILO Girls Metro 13 C: Round 17: Beaumaris 1 Altona City 1, Langwarrin 3 Brighton JSC 0, East Bentleigh Watsonia Heights, Caulfield Utd 0 Bundoora 2, Doncaster Rovers JSC 4 Hoppers Crossing JSC 1

MILO Girls S/E 16 A: Round 17: Mooroolbark Bye, Glen Waverley 3 Cranbourne Comets 0, Phillip Island 0 Sherbrooke Rangers 3, Whitehorse 1 Chelsea 1, Langwarrin 3 Casey Panthers 0

MILO Girls S/E 16 B: Round 17: Berwick Kings 1 Boroondara 2, Knox City 9 Croydon City Arrows JSC 0, Dandenong City 4 Richmond 2, Seaford Utd 1 North Caulfield 2, Boroondara Lions 15 Brighton JSC 0

MILO Girls S/E 14 A: Round 17: Richmond Bye, Berwick City Sandringham City, Whitehorse 2 Boroondara 1, Doncaster Rovers JSC Bye, Brighton JSC 0 Mornington 1

MILO Girls S/E 14 B: Round 17: Bye North Caulfield, Richmond 1 Seaford Utd 0, Langwarrin 2 Glen Eira 1, Brighton JSC 3 Mooroolbark 3, Ringwood City Bye

MILO Girls S/E 14 C: Round 17: Bye Ashburton, Glen Waverley 5 North Caulfield 0, Sandringham City 3 Boroondara 0, Eastern Lions 0 Diamond Valley Utd 2, Endeavour Utd 1 Casey Panthers 0

MILO Girls S/E 14 D: Round 17: North Caulfield Bye, Richmond 0 Croydon City Arrows JSC 5, Glen Eira 2 Brighton JSC 3, Sandringham City 5 Berwick City 0, Boroondara Lions 0 Ashburton 4

MILO Girls S/E 12 B: Round 17: Baxter Bye, Boroondara 2 Glen Waverley 3, Brighton JSC 0 Sherbrooke Rangers 4, Box Hill Inter Melbourne United 1, Melbourne United 2 1 Glen Eira 6

MILO Girls S/E 12 C: Round 17: Baxter 0 Beaumaris 0, Knox City 1 North Caulfield 0, Port Melbourne JSC 0 Caulfield Utd 2, Sandringham City 1 Mornington 1, Carrum Utd Bye

MILO Girls S/E 11: Round 17: North Caulfield Bye, Bye Richmond, Carrum Utd 1 Croydon City Arrows JSC 0, Brighton JSC Sherbrooke Rangers, Boroondara Lions 2 Ashburton 1

MILO Girls N/W 16 A: Round 17: South Melbourne 9 Epping City 3, Sunshine Georgies 8 Bundoora 2, North City Lions JSC Altona City, Gisborne 3 Essendon Royals 2, Sunbury Utd Whittlesea Stallions

MILO Girls N/W 16 B: Round 17: Kellor Park 6 Brimbank 0, Sandringham City 7 Eltham North 0, Albion Rovers Melton, Williamstown Bye, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 4 Brunswick Zebras 4

MILO Girls N/W 14: Round 17: Brunswick Zebras Bye, Gisborne 2 Eltham North 2, Epping City 2 Bundoora 0, Kellor Park 0 Meadow Park 0, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 5 Brunswick City 0

MILO Girls N/W 12: Round 17: Bye Diamond Valley Utd, Alphington Brunswick City, Eltham North 2 Essendon Royals 4, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 5 Brunswick Zebras 4

MILO Boys S/E 16 Super League	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Knox City JSC	17	16	1	0	64	6	49
Bulleen JSC	17	13	2	67	18	41	
South Melbourne JFC	17	12	1	4	65	27	37
Southern Stars JFC	17	10	3	4	30	16	33
South Eastern Piranhas	17	6	4	7	31	31	22
Glen Waverley JSC	17	4	4	9	26	46	16
Doncaster Rovers JSC	17	4	3	10	26	55	15
Bentleigh Greens JSC	16	3	5	8	15	47	14
Oakleigh JFC	17	2	2	13	22	46	8
Whitehorse	16	1	1	14	9	63	4

MILO Boys S/E 15 Super League	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill Inter JSC	15	11	1	3	57	22	34
South Melbourne JFC	15	9	5	1	34	16	32
Kingston City JSC	15	7	5	3	34	16	26
Bulleen JSC	14	7	4	3	32	13	25
Gippsland Soccer League	14	6	2	6	23	28	20
Whitehorse	14	4	3	7	20	28	15
Noble Park JSC	16	4	3	9	24	46	15
Doncaster Rovers JSC	14	1	6	7	14	42	9
Beaumaris SC	15	1	3	11	10	40	6

MILO Boys S/E 14 Super League							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
South Melbourne JFC	17	14	1	2	57	15	43
Box Hill Inter JSC	17	13	1	3	46	15	40
Manningham JSC	17	11	3	3	38	20	36
Bulleen JSC	17	8	6	3	41	19	30
Box City JSC	17	7	7	3	23	22	24
Doncaster Rovers JSC	17	7	3	7	22	29	24
Endeavour Utd	17	6	3	8	26	25	21
Heales JSC	17	3	3	11	13	40	12
Heales JSC	17	1	4	12	9	51	7
Heales JSC	17	1	1	15	6	45	4



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MILO Boys South 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dandenong City JSC	17	15	1	1117	23	46	
Bentleigh Greens JSC	17	13	1	3	71	30	40
Endeavour United JSC	16	10	4	2	47	15	34
Langwarrin SC	17	8	2	7	40	29	26
Beaumaris SC	17	7	4	6	36	40	25
Baxter Soccer Club	17	8	0	9	38	40	24
Berwick City JSC	16	7	0	9	48	48	21
Rosebud JSC	17	6	3	8	35	54	21
Brighton JSC	17	1	1	15	16	96	4
Mornington A	17	0	2	15	16	89	2

MILO Boys South 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Springvale White Eagles	17	15	1	1	91	19	46
Mornington	17	15	0	2	91	15	45
Sandringham City	17	11	0	6	61	30	33
Langwarrin	17	10	1	6	73	36	31
Brighton	17	9	2	6	63	33	29
Berwick City	17	5	0	14	48	66	15
Lyndale Utd	17	3	0	14	17	92	9
Hampton Park Utd	17	3	0	14	17	92	9
Beaumaris	17	1	0	16	11	25	3
Baxter	17	1	0	16	11	25	3

MILO Boys South 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dandenong City JSC	15	13	1	1	53	12	40
Frankston Pines JSC	14	12	0	2	84	8	36
Cranbourne Comets JSC	15	11	2	2	64	18	35
Brighton JSC	15	9	1	8	36	33	19
Mornington SC	15	6	1	8	31	38	19
Langwarrin SC	15	6	1	8	31	38	19
Peninsula JSC	14	5	0	9	32	44	16
Sandringham City JSC	15	2	0	13	19	84	6
Heatherton Utd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Star Dandenong JSC	16	0	0	16	91	19	0

MILO Boys South 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dandenong Thunder JSC	17	15	0	2	73	11	45
Bentleigh Greens JSC	17	13	1	3	57	15	40
Berwick City JSC	17	12	0	5	58	13	36
Langwarrin SC	16	10	3	4	22	13	33
Brighton JSC	16	10	1	5	51	19	31
Frankston Pines JSC	16	8	1	7	38	21	25
Dovelet JSC	17	5	3	9	36	45	18
Mornington SC	16	2	2	12	9	78	8
Hampton Park Utd	17	1	2	14	6	59	5
Endeavour Utd	17	0	1	16	51	02	1

MILO Boys South 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lyndale Utd	16	14	2	0	86	8	44
Berwick City JSC	17	13	0	4	68	17	39
East Bentleigh JSC	16	12	2	2	70	14	38
Sandringham City JSC	17	11	3	3	68	19	36
Beaumaris SC	17	8	4	5	43	23	28
Brighton JSC	17	6	0	11	31	55	18
Carrum Utd	17	4	0	13	15	73	12
Phillip Island JSC	16	3	2	11	25	67	11
Seaford Utd	17	3	2	12	11	61	11
Hampton Park Utd	16	1	1	14	10	90	4

MILO Boys South 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beaumaris	15	11	2	4	55	22	35
Cranbourne Comets	15	9	4	2	45	19	31
Springvale White Eagles	15	10	1	4	44	29	31
Langwarrin	15	8	4	3	45	20	28
Seaford Utd	15	9	1	5	45	26	28
Baxter	15	4	0	11	19	34	12
Brighton	16	3	3	10	12	52	10
Sandringham City	15	2	1	12	10	47	7
Berwick City	15	2	1	12	10	47	7

MILO Boys South 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beaumaris SC	17	14	1	2	50	9	43
Berwick City JSC	17	12	4	1	54	12	40
Dandenong City JSC	17	11	3	3	48	19	36
Sandringham City JSC	17	10	4	3	51	17	34
Peninsula JSC	17	10	4	3	32	9	34
Bentleigh Greens JSC	17	6	3	8	26	26	21
Mornington JSC	17	4	3	10	24	39	15
Brighton JSC	16	3	1	12	11	30	10
Hampton Park Utd	16	1	1	14	6	58	4
Langwarrin SC	17	1	0	16	15	98	3

MILO Boys South 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hampton	14	12	1	1	37	8	37
Beaumaris	15	8	3	4	27	16	27
Mornington	16	8	3	5	27	18	27
Seaford Utd	15	8	1	6	21	26	25
Cranbourne Comets	14	6	2	6	18	16	20
Brighton	15	5	7	16	18	14	
Berwick City	14	1	5	8	8	19	8
Sandringham City	14	2	2	10	7	35	8
Chelsea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Langwarrin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MILO Boys South 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rosebud JSC	13	12	1	0	45	1	37
Beaumaris SC	13	8	2	3	34	18	26
Baxter Soccer Club	13	8	2	3	31	16	26
Mornington SC	13	8	0	5	24	16	24
Langwarrin SC	13	5	4	4	16	23	19
Sandringham City JSC	13	2	2	9	13	37	8
Brighton JSC	13	2	1	10	10	32	7
Seaford Utd	13	1	0	12	11	41	3

MILO Boys South 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Harrisfield Hurricanes	13	12	0	1	112	10	36
Bentleigh Greens JSC	13	12	0	1	94	10	36
Keysborough JSC	14	9	1	4	78	27	28
Peninsula JSC	13	8	1	4	56	20	25
Hampton JSC	13	5	0	8	41	33	15
Lyndale Utd	13	3	0	10	12	08	9
Casey Panthers JSC	13	2	0	11	9	80	6
Endeavour Hills SC	12	0	0	12	0	113	0

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brighton	15	12	3	0	48	14	39
Beaumaris	15	8	6	1	49	11	30
Berwick City	15	8	4	3	39	18	28
Mornington	15	8	2	5	35	20	26
Dandenong City	15	6	3	6	25	19	21
Heatherton Utd	14	5	1	8	26	33	16
Sandringham City	15	2	6	7	12	27	12
Cranbourne Comets	14	2	1	11	14	64	7
Hampton	14	1	2	11	8	50	5

MILO Boys S/E 16 Super League: Round 17: Southern Stars 1 Oakleigh 1, Knox City 3 South Eastern Piranhas 0, South Melbourne 2 Bulleen 4, Glen Waverley 2 Doncaster Rovers JSC 0, Whitehorse Bentleigh Greens

MILO Boys S/E 15 Super League: Round 17: Beaumaris Bye, Noble Park 0 Box Hill Inter 4, South Melbourne 3 Bulleen 2, Gippsland Soccer League Doncaster Rovers JSC, Whitehorse 0 Kingston City 4

MILO Boys S/E 14 Super League: Round 17: Doncaster Rovers JSC 1, Beaumaris 0, Knox City 1 Box Hill Inter 3, South Melbourne 1 Bulleen 0, Manningham 4 Endeavour Utd 1, Whitehorse 0 Chelsea 2

MILO Boys S/E 13 Super League: Round 17: Dandenong City 3 Beaumaris 2, Box Hill Inter 10 Baxter 0, Mornington 3 Bulleen 1, Nunawading City 1 Monash City 1, Gippsland Soccer League Knox City

MILO Boys N/W 16 Super League: Round 17: Green Gully Bye, North City Lions 2 Essendon Royals 3, Hoppers Crossing Melbourne Knights, Sydenham Park 3 Preston Lions 2, Whittlesea Stallions 3 Brimbank 0

MILO Boys N/W 15 Super League: Round 17: Bye Essendon Royals, Fawkner 1 Keilor Park 2, Moreland United Green Gully, Epping City 1 Altona East 3, Melbourne Knights 2 Brimbank 2

MILO Boys N/W 14 Super League: Round 17: North Coburg Utd 5 Albion Woodong 0, Williamstown 0 Keilor Park 9, Fawkner Green Gully, Melbourne Knights 2 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 3, Preston Lions 1 Brimbank 0

MILO Boys N/W 13 Super League: Round 17: Preston Lions Essendon Royals, Hoppers Crossing JSC Keilor Park, Fawkner 0 Green Gully 1, Epping City Bundoora, Melbourne Knights 1 Altona Magic 0

MILO Boys Metro 18 Blue: Round 17: Bulleen 1 Brunswick City 6, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 Green Gully 2, Oakleigh Port Melbourne JSC

MILO Boys Metro 18 Orange: Round 17: Mornington Bye, Sherbrooke Rangers 3 Springvale City 2, Seaford United JSC Langwarrin, Rosebud 2 Glen Waverley 9, Mooroolbark 3 Brighton JSC 1

MILO Boys Metro 18 Purple: Round 17: Bundoora Bye, Keilor Park Bye, Northcote City 14 Preston Lions 2, Brimbank 3 St Albans 1, Essendon Royals 1 Gisborne 1

MILO Boys Metro 18 Yellow: Round 17: Bye Bye, Mornington 3 Eastern Lions 2, Brighton JSC 5 Westvale 0, Berwick City Brandon Park, Berwick Kings 1 Glen Eira 1

MILO Boys South 16 A: Round 17: Dandenong City 1 Beaumaris 6, Berwick City 1 Sandringham City 1, Doveton Springvale City, Brighton JSC 5 Langwarrin 1, Baxter 0 Bentleigh Greens 11

MILO Boys South 16 B: Round 17: Beaumaris Bye, Carrum Utd 5 Sandringham City A2, Doveton Dandenong Sparrows, Rowville Eagles Peninsula, Sandringham City B 1 Chelsea 4

MILO Boys South 15 A: Round 17: Seaford Utd 0 Cranbourne Comets 4, Dandenong Thunder 0 Sandringham City 1, Langwarrin 7 Brighton JSC 0, Berwick City 5 Hampton Park Utd 0, Mornington Springvale White Eagles

MILO Boys South 15 B: Round 17: Beaumaris 2 Dandenong City 1, Rosebud 1 Baxter 2, Endeavour United Berwick City, Brighton JSC 1 Langwarrin 5, Mornington A 1 Bentleigh Greens 8

MILO Boys South 14 A: Round 17: Beaumaris 1 Lyndale Utd 7, Berwick City 3 Sandringham City 0, Langwarrin 5 Brighton 1, Mornington 8 Hampton Park Utd 0, Baxter 0 Springvale White Eagles 15

MILO Boys South 14 B: Round 17: Dandenong City Bye, Mornington 6 Sandringham City 0, Frankston Pines Peninsula, Brighton JSC 3 Langwarrin 0, White Star Dandenong 0 Cranbourne Comets 8

MILO Boys South 13 A: Round 17: Frankston Pines Mornington, Berwick City 2 Dandenong Thunder 0, Langwarrin Brighton JSC, Doveton 7 Hampton Park Utd 0, Endeavour Utd 1 Bentleigh Greens 9

MILO Boys South 13 B: Round 17: Phillip Island Hampton Park Utd, East Bentleigh Lyndale Utd, Carrum Utd 0 Sandringham City 2, Beaumaris 2 Brighton JSC 3, Seaford Utd 0 Berwick City 4

MILO Boys South 13 C: Round 17: Beaumaris Bye, Berwick City 2 Sandringham City 1, Seaford Utd 1, Cranbourne Comets 3, Brighton 0 Langwarrin 2, Baxter 0 Springvale White Eagles 3

MILO Boys South 12 A: Round 17: Dandenong City 0 Beaumaris 1, Berwick City 1 Sandringham City 1, Langwarrin 0 Peninsula 3, Brighton JSC Hampton Park Utd, Mornington 2 Bentleigh Greens 2

MILO Boys South 12 B: Round 17: Berwick City Bye, Seaford Utd 2 Beaumaris 1, Hampton Sandringham City Mornington 3 Brighton 0, Cranbourne Comets Chelsea

MILO Boys South 12 C: Round 17: Brighton JSC Bye, Beaumaris 1 Mornington 2, Rosebud 3 Baxter 0, Seaford Utd Langwarrin, Sandringham City Bye

MILO Boys South 12 D: Round 17: Bye Lyndale Utd, Harrisfield Hurricanes Bye, Hampton 0 Keysborough JSC 4, Peninsula 3 Casey Panthers 0, Endeavour Hills Bentleigh Greens

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 17: Sandringham City Bye, Dandenong City 0 Beaumaris 0, Cranbourne Comets Brighton, Mornington 4 Hampton 0, Heatherton Utd 3 Berwick City 2

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Purple: Round 17: Langwarrin Bye, Peninsula 0 Springvale White Eagles 4, Rosebud Noble Park, Mornington Dandenong Thunder, Sandringham City 3 Seaford Utd 1

MILO Boys South 11 Joys Blue: Round 17: Brighton Bye, Dandenong City 1 Beaumaris 3, Carrum Utd 2 Sandringham City 9, Doveton Endeavour Utd, Baxter 1 Berwick City 3

MILO Boys South 11 Joys Red: Round 17: Beaumaris 1 Hampton 2, Berwick City 1 Keysborough 8, Langwarrin 4 Brighton A 1, Brighton B 0 Hampton Park Utd 2, Sandringham City 1 Mornington 3

MILO Boys East 16 A: Round 17: Sherbrooke Rangers Bye, East Bentleigh Ashburton, Doncaster Rovers JSC 0 Manningham 2, Bulleen 0 Riversdale Raiders 2, Nunawading City 2 Glen Waverley 1

MILO Boys East 16 B: Round 17: Bye Richmond, Eastern Lions Bye, Glen Eira 3 Manningham 6, Boroondara Lions 6 Mooroolbark 3, North Caulfield 7 Boroondara 2

MILO Boys East 15 A: Round 17: Bye Richmond, Boroondara 1, South Springvale 1, South Melbourne 2 Manningham 4, Bulleen 4 Doncaster Rovers JSC 0, North Caulfield 3 Knox City 1

MILO Boys East 15 B: Round 17: Croydon City Arrows JSC 1 Nunawading City 3, Westvale 0 Brandon Park 1, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 East Bentleigh 4, Eastern Lions 1 Glen Waverley 4, North Caulfield 1 Boroondara 0

MILO Boys East 15 C: Round 17: Sherbrooke Rangers Bye, Richmond 1 Manningham 4, Port Melbourne JSC 1 Ashburton 1, Mooroolbark 1 Caulfield Utd 2, Boroondara Lions 5 Ringwood City 2

MILO Boys East 14 A: Round 17: Bulleen Bye, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Richmond 6, Eastern Lions 0 Nunawading City 2, Glen Waverley 4 Riversdale Raiders 3, Caulfield Utd 0 Kingston City 5

MILO Boys East 14 B: Round 17: Southern Stars 1 Oakleigh 1, Glen Eira 1 Clayton 1, Bulleen 1 Manningham 1, Whitehorse Melbourne Utd, North Caulfield 3 Springvale City 0

MILO Boys East 14 C: Round 17: Glen Waverley 1 Beaumaris 1, Stonnington City 1 Croydon City Arrows JSC 3, Berwick City Brighton JSC 1, Nunawading City 0 Doncaster Rovers JSC 6, Mooroolbark 1 Knox City 4

MILO Boys East 14 D: Round 17: East Bentleigh Ashburton, Boroondara 1 Ringwood City 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC Glen Eira, Manningham 1 Chelsea 2, Hampton Eastern Lions

MILO Boys East 13 A: Round 17: North Caulfield Bye, Croydon City Arrows 1 Oakleigh 1, Port Melbourne 2 Clayton 2, South Melbourne 3 Riversdale Raiders 0, Bulleen 3 Doncaster Rovers 2

MILO Boys East 13 B: Round 17: Manningham Bye, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Richmond 4, Boroondara 0 Monash City 2, Eastern Lions 3 Ashburton 0, Nunawading City 0 Kingston City 6

MILO Boys East 13 C: Round 17: Brandon Park Bye, Richmond 4 Springvale City 0, Mooroolbark 5 Caulfield Utd 1, Bye Ringwood City, North Caulfield 0 Glen Waverley 4

MILO Boys East 13 D: Round 17: North Caulfield Bye, Glen Waverley East Bentleigh, Doncaster Rovers 8 Glen Eira 0, Boroondara Lions 4 Ashburton 1, Croydon City Arrows 0 Boroondara 2

MILO Boys East 12 A: Round 17: Richmond Bye, Monash City 3 Box Hill Inter 0, South Melbourne 0 Bulleen 2, Glen Waverley 2 East Bentleigh 4, Whitehorse 1 Knox City 2

MILO Boys East 12 B: Round 17: Bye Oakleigh, Glen Waverley 1 Croydon City Arrows JSC 3, Riversdale Raiders 1 Ringwood City 1, Bulleen 5 Doncaster Rovers JSC 4, North Caulfield 1 Stonnington City 2



JUNIOR LEAGUES



MILO Boys S/E 13 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill Inter JSC	17	14	3	0	46	6	45
Morash City JSC	17	13	2	2	59	9	41
Bulleen JSC	17	10	3	4	30	14	33
Mornington SC	17	10	2	5	38	18	32
Nunawading City JSC	17	6	3	8	33	27	21
Glipsland Soccer League	16	6	2	8	35	22	20
Dandenong City JSC	17	6	2	9	24	27	20
Knox City JSC	16	6	0	10	26	27	18
Beaumaris SC	17	4	1	12	28	49	13
Baxter Soccer Club	17	0	0	17	21	22	0

MILO Boys NW 16 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne Knights	14	11	2	1	60	17	34
Green Gully	15	10	4	1	79	21	34
Whittlesea Royals	15	9	4	2	43	18	31
Essendon Royals	15	8	3	4	54	25	27
Hoppers Crossing	14	8	1	5	38	23	25
Sydenham Park	15	6	3	6	41	36	21
Preston Lions	16	3	2	11	26	49	11
North City Lions	15	1	1	13	21	99	4
Brimbank	15	1	0	14	15	89	3

MILO Boys NW 15 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brimbank JSC	15	10	2	1	41	19	34
Green Gully	14	8	4	2	20	7	28
Kellor Park JSC	16	6	7	3	27	14	25
Altona East JSC	15	7	3	5	27	19	24
Melbourne Knights JSC	15	5	6	4	26	20	21
Fawkner JSC	15	5	4	6	29	22	19
Essendon Royals JSC	15	5	2	8	25	27	17
Epping City SC	15	2	3	10	18	37	14
Moreland United JSC	14	0	2	12	14	62	2

MILO Boys NW 14 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kellor Park JSC	17	13	2	2	49	7	41
Green Gully JSC	16	11	3	2	34	9	36
Fawkner JSC	16	10	1	5	33	18	31
Albury-Wodonga	17	9	1	7	35	29	28
North Coburg Utd	17	8	1	8	32	24	25
Bendigo Amateur Soccer	17	7	2	8	32	35	23
Melbourne Knights JSC	17	7	2	8	29	39	23
Brimbank JSC	17	5	2	10	19	41	17
Preston Lions JSC	17	5	1	11	23	39	16
Williamstown JSC	17	1	1	15	13	58	4

MILO Boys NW 13 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully JSC	17	14	2	1	45	10	44
Kellor Park JSC	16	10	4	2	34	13	34
Fawkner JSC	17	8	5	4	24	13	29
Melbourne Knights JSC	17	9	2	6	23	15	29
Essendon Royals JSC	16	7	4	5	23	14	25
Epping City SC	16	5	3	8	14	21	18
Preston Lions JSC	16	4	4	8	23	39	16
Altona Magic JSC	17	4	3	10	20	28	15
Hoppers Crossing JSC	16	3	8	7	17	32	15
Bundoora JSC	16	1	1	14	12	56	4

MILO Boys Metro 18 Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Port Melbourne JSC	12	10	0	2	44	15	30
Green Gully JSC	13	9	2	2	36	22	29
Brunswick City JSC	12	7	2	3	31	17	23
Bulleen JSC	13	4	2	7	24	36	14
Oakleigh JFC	12	2	0	10	19	41	6
Doncaster Rovers JSC	12	2	0	10	19	42	6

MILO Boys Metro 18 Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Langwarrin SC	14	14	0	0	112	10	42
Brighton JSC	15	10	1	4	56	34	31
Springvale City JSC	15	10	0	5	60	33	30
Mooroolbark JSC	15	8	2	5	40	26	26
Glen Waverley JSC	15	8	1	6	52	47	19
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	15	5	2	8	25	58	17
Seaford United JSC	15	4	3	8	36	62	15
Rosebud JSC	14	2	1	11	18	92	7
Mornington SC	14	1	2	11	17	47	5

MILO Boys Metro 18 Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kellor Park JSC	13	12	0	1	51	14	38
Bundoora JSC	14	11	0	3	50	19	33
Brimbank JSC	13	8	1	4	53	20	25
Essendon Royals JSC	13	6	2	5	38	27	20
St Albans	14	6	0	8	39	33	18
Northcote City JSC	13	4	2	7	31	25	14
Gisborne Junior Soccer Club	13	3	1	9	17	43	10
Preston Lions JSC	13	0	1	13	41	02	0

MILO Boys Metro 18 Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Eastern Lions	13	10	1	2	38	12	31
Brighton JSC	13	10	1	2	39	14	31
Berwick City JSC	11	6	2	3	26	21	20
Brandon Park JSC	13	6	1	6	23	19	24
Mornington SC	14	5	2	7	29	31	17
Westvale SC	13	5	0	8	21	31	15
Berwick Kings FC	12	2	2	8	12	30	8
Glen Eira JSC	13	1	3	9	13	38	6

MILO Boys South 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bentleigh Greens JSC	17	10	7	0	57	15	37
Sandringham City JSC	17	8	7	2	46	15	31
Beaumaris SC	17	8	5	4	63	23	29
Brighton JSC	17	8	4	5	68	36	29
Doveton JSC	16	8	4	5	59	25	28
Langwarrin SC	17	8	1	8	41	33	25
Berwick City JSC	17	6	4	7	61	40	22
Springvale City JSC	16	6	3	7	29	36	21
Dandenong City JSC	17	3	2	12	30	55	11
Baxter Soccer Club	17	0	0	17	12	63	0

MILO Boys South 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rowville Eagles SC	14	13	0	1	74	12	39
Chelsea JSC	15	12	2	1	44	14	38
Doveton JSC	14	8	1	5	46	33	25
Peninsula JSC	14	7	3	4	46	31	24
Carrum Utd	15	5	2	8	26	34	17

Dandenong Sparrows JSC	14	4	2	8	27	40	14
Sandringham City B	16	4	2	10	34	75	14
Sandringham City A	15	3	0	12	27	50	9
Beaumaris SC	15	1	6	8	18	53	9

MILO Boys South 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cranbourne Comets JSC	17	15	0	2	71	22	45
Sandringham City JSC	17	13	0	4	54	26	39
Langwarrin SC	17	11	0	6	51	25	33
Springvale White Eagles JSC	15	10	1	4	42	16	31
Dandenong Thunder JSC	17	9	1	7	35	37	28
Berwick City JSC	17	8	3	6	41	31	27
Brighton JSC	17	5	2	10	24	37	17
Mornington SC	16	4	2	10	25	48	14
Hampton Park Utd	17	2	0	15	17	74	6
Seaford Utd	16	1	1	14	12	56	4

MILO Boys South 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dandenong City JSC	17	15	1	1	117	23	46
Bentleigh Greens JSC	17	13	1	3	71	30	40
Endeavour United JSC	16	10	4	2	47	15	34
Langwarrin SC	17	8	2	7	40	20	33
Beaumaris SC	17	7	4	6	36	40	25
Baxter Soccer Club	17	8	0	9	38	40	24
Berwick City JSC	16	7	0	9	48	48	21
Rosebud JSC	17	6	3	8	35	54	21
Brighton JSC	17	1	1	15	16	96	4
Mornington A	17	0	2	15	16	89	2

MILO Boys South 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Springvale White Eagles	17	15	1	1	91	19	46
Mornington	17	15	0	2	91	15	45
Sandringham City	17	11	0	6	61	30	33
Langwarrin	17	10	1	6	73	36	31
Brighton	17	9	2	6	63	33	29
Berwick City	17	5	0	12	46	66	15
Lyndale Utd	17	3	0	14	17	86	9
Hampton Park Utd	17	3	0	14	17	86	9
Beaumaris	17	3	0	14	17	86	9
Baxter	17	1	0	16	11	25	3

MILO Boys South 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dandenong City JSC	15	13	1	1	53	12	40
Frankton Pines JSC	14	12	0	2	84	8	36
Cranbourne Comets JSC	15	11	2	2	64	18	35
Brighton JSC	15	9	1	5	58	30	28
Mornington SC	15	6	1	8	36	33	19
Langwarrin SC	15	6	1	8	31	38	19
Peninsula JSC	14	5	0	9	32	44	15
Sandringham City JSC	15	2	0	13	19	84	6
Heatherton Utd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Star Dandenong JSC	16	0	0	16	9	119	0

MILO Boys South 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dandenong Thunders JSC	17	15	0	2	73	11	45
Bentleigh Greens JSC	17	13	1	3	57	15	40
Berwick City JSC	17	12	0	5	58	13	36
Langwarrin SC	16	10	3	3	42	12	33
Brighton JSC	16	10	1	5	51	19	31
Frankton Pines JSC	16	8	1	7	38	21	25
Doveton JSC	17	5	3	9	36	45	18
Mornington SC	16	2	2	12	9	78	8
Hampton Park Utd	17	1	2	14	6	59	5
Endeavour Utd	17	0	1	16	5	102	1

MILO Boys South 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lyndale Utd	16	14	2	0	86	8	44
Berwick City JSC	17	13	0	4	68	17	39
East Bentleigh JSC	16	12	2	2	70	14	38
Sandringham City JSC	17	11	3	3	66	19	36
Beaumaris SC	17	8	4	5	43	23	28
Brighton JSC	17	6	0	11	31	55	18
Carrum Utd	17	4	0	13	15	72	12
Phillip Island JSC	16	3	2	11	25	67	11
Seaford Utd	17	3	2	12	11	61	11
Hampton Park Utd	16	1	1	14	10	90	4

MILO Boys South 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beaumaris	15	11	2	2	4	25	22 35
Cranbourne Comets	15	9	4	2	4	25	19 31
Springvale White Eagles	15	10	1	4	2	4	29 31
Langwarrin	15	8	4	3	4	25	20 28
Seaford Utd	15	9	1	5	4	25	26 28
Baxter	15	4	2	9	12	29	14
Brighton	15	4	0	11	19	34	12
Sandringham City	16	3	1	12	13	32	10
Berwick City	15	2	1	12	10	4	7



BOO'S WORLD

A satirical look at the World of Football according to Mark Boric



Hakal Perth Glory has looked to our Tasman neighbours to boost its ranks... We'll see if the boys can adapt to a non-contact sport.

It's Advertised as A League: Season 2, but it could also be A League: Round Two. In the red corner, from Melbourne, Australia, Kevin "Mad Dog" Muscat. In the blue corner, the Boy from Brazil, the Latino Heat, Alessandrrrrrrrooooo! Clearly the FFA has succeeded in its policy of removing ethnic tensions from the terraces, albeit by moving them onto the pitch. The club tried to put a lid on the issue, but it was futile in a Melbourne media brought up on the "keep punching" catchphrase of footy journalist Scotty Palmer.

A great start to the season for the Victory, with their first ever goal against Adelaide, a big crowd and a big win all coming in the one night. Too early to jump the gun though, you only need to look back to what hap-

pened after the 5-0 win over Sydney FC for a reminder about that.

Perth Glory, struggling with ownership issues, lost 0-3 at Queensland Roar on Saturday. Unable to come up with the cash to buy a bunch of Brazilians, they did the next best thing, or more like the 128th best thing, they had an influx of New Zealanders. A cunning plan, which may have worked had they been competing in a rugby union competition.

Victory chairman Geoff Lord was reported to be looking at taking a stake in the Glory, as well as suggesting South Africa could have a club in the A League. New Zealand, South Africa, John O'Neill. I'm starting to worry that the league is morphing into the Super 12 competition of the Tri-Nations rugby countries. If Frank Lowy announces a change to the ball shape next season, I think we are in trouble.

Vodafone Cup finals are about to begin, and I have heard suggestions that the FFV need to do more about marketing the competition. I have a relatively cheap suggestion which would guarantee the Grand Final got some mainstream media exposure. One complimentary ticket for Peter "Serial Pest" Hore. He'd do something stupid which TVH and Channel 31 could on-sell the footage off to the commercial networks evening news services. He's also a great fall guy in that he is a known nutter, so anything he does will not reflect upon the code as poorly as the more traditional ethnic-based riot.

Oakleigh have run away with the minor premiership, but in finals football anything can happen. I don't think they will "choke" under the pressure, but the ghost of Mama Cass is always hovering about in these situations.

Timmy Cahill and Mark Viduka came off the bench to score vital goals for their clubs last week. Harry Kewell is not up to sitting on the bench at the moment, saving himself for his traditional Cup Finals run later in the season.

Ben Thatcher has tried to usurp Zinedine Zidane's position as being the star of the most downloaded violent incident in football this year. Once again Pedro Mendes came of second best, like when his goal for Spurs against Manchester United a few years ago was ruled not to have crossed the line. I for one, am still bitter.

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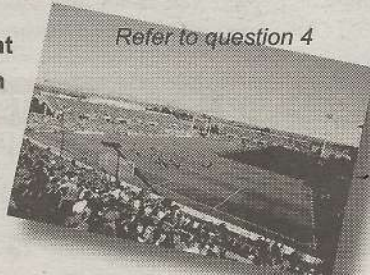
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A QUESTION OF SPORT

- 1/ Who kept in goal for the Melbourne Victory on Friday night?
- 2/ What was the official attendance of Melbourne's match against Adelaide United?
- 3/ Which Brazilian was brought down in the penalty box to earn Victory a penalty?
- 4/ In which stadium does Adelaide play its home games?
- 5/ True or false? Adelaide coach John Kosmina scored the first ever NSL goal when he played for West Adelaide against Canberra City in 1977.
- 6/ Before Kevin Muscat converted the penalty on Friday night, how many goals had victory scored against Adelaide in all its previous meetings?
- 7/ Who did Adelaide beat in the finals of this season's Pre-season Cup Final?
- 8/ Adelaide's Carl Veart has played for three English clubs. Can you name two of them?
- 9/ Who scored Victory's second goal on Friday night?
- 10/ Where will Victory play its next home match against Sydney FC?

Refer to question 4



Thanks to Melbourne's newest soccer depot, Soccer Scene, Goal! Weekly will be giving away a Patrick soccer ball each week to the first correct entry of the Soccer Scene "Question of the Week." This week's question is: Who scored the opening goal of the season for Melbourne Victory on Friday night?

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FOOTBALL FUNNIES

The manager of a local club was talking to a young Saddam Hussain's trail has finally ended and he is sentenced to death by firing squad. He is asked if he would like one last request and replies that he would like to choose his own firing squad personally. So he asks for Gerrard, Carragher and Lampard from twelve yards.

Ronaldo goes into Burger King and says "Give me two whoppers". "Ok, You're not fat and you haven't lost it" replies the staff.

A column inside an American newspaper by the soccer correspondent complained that the World Cup competition had been unfair to the USA team. The American team, he reported, had played Trinidad and Tobago on the same day, while no other team in the competition had to play more than one match a day.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Michael Theoklitos
2. 15,871
3. Alessandro
4. Hindmarsh Stadium
5. True
6. None
7. Central Coast Mariners
8. Millwall, Crystal Palace and
9. Sheffield United
10. Telstra Dome

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Monday 28 August

BAYSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



► Premier League

At about 4:00pm on Sunday afternoon, it did not look to good for Western Port Wanderers as they were a goal behind Croydon Ranges, they had missed an early penalty kick by Blake Edwards, converted a second one by James Copley and then where shellshock by two goals by Croydon Ranges. Whilst this was happening and about 15 minutes drive away, Bayswater Strikers were making a huge statement by leading at half time 6 - 0 over Knox City.

But the next hour of play would become legend. Because by 5:00pm it was Western Port Wanderers that prevailed on a dramatic day of play when they overturned Croydon's lead to come out winners 3 - 2, therefore keeping a four point lead over Bayswater Strikers. That result eliminated Bayswater from the title hunt with one round remaining even though they ended up winning 9 - 0!

But for Western Port to win the title they needed an upset win by Peninsula over then second placed Hampton Park, well they got their wish as eighth placed Peninsula stunned Hampton Park United 3 - 0. This result highlights how competitive this season has been and how any team could beat any team on any given day and that Peninsula deserves more recognition than what their position on the league table tells.

It marks the first ever Premier League title for Western Port Wanderers, and for the first time ever in the leagues history we have had five different winners in five seasons. Starting from Boronia Knights third title in a row in 2002, Hampton Park won in 2003, Mornington Seagulls in 2004 and Chelsea Young Boys in 2005. Now that list continues with Western Port in 2006.

But the race for second place is far from over. Bayswater Strikers now moved into second place but they are now followed by Rosebud, who gained three points over suspended Condors. One point separates these two teams and they incredibly play each other next week at Rosebud! A win for either team will give them

Croydon shocked Western Port with a 3-2 victory



second place. But a draw and a win for Hampton over Croydon could see them finish second.

Or, hang on; Boronia Knights could give everybody a massive headache because they get three points over Condors next weekend which moves them three points away from second place, with two games in hand! This race for second may take weeks after the season is over to decided second place if Bayswater does not win!

Mt Lilydale Old Collegians first season has ended up in second last place after losing at home 1 - 2 by Boronia Knights, but they could very well be in the Premier League next season by the fact that Brighton Old Boys are confirmed for second place in the first division. With Brighton Old Boys having only one team and very unlikely to expand to the required two teams for the Premier League, this could very well mean that Mt Lilydale Old Collegians will be given a life line as they

have first choice in a vacancy.

► Premier Reserves

Croydon Ranges have done what they have promised on a number of occasions in their short term so far in the Bayside League. Croydon Ranges' big 6 - 1 win over Western Port Wanderers has confirmed them as Premier League Reserves champions and so far with an undefeated record. That is more than enough proof that they are worthy champions. Boronia Colts will finish second, but it will not be confirmed so until next weekend when they receive a 3 - 0 walkover against the Condors. A commendable effort from Boronia who fields four teams in the Bayside League, and to have them all competitive is a sensational effort from all at the club.

Words and Photos by Steven Gray

CLUB FOCUS

CHELSEA

Since Chelsea re-joined the Bayside Football Association in 2003 they have proved a formidable team no matter what division they where contesting.

In 2003 Chelsea Young Boys and the Chelsea Old Boys accomplished a very rare achievement in this league by taking out to league titles in the same season, the old division 3 and division 4. Chelsea Young Boys went on to win the Division 1 in 2004 and then the Premier League in 2005. Another first for any club in the league, three titles in a row in different divisions.

Unfortunately in some aspects, Chelsea Young Boys will no longer be participating in the Premier League after constant discipline problems has eventuated in the teams withdrawal from the league.

The other half will be represented in the league by the Chelsea Old Boys.

CRANBOURNE COMETS

Cranbourne Comets are unusual in that they are strong in both the men's divisions. With three Women's Premier League titles in the clubs trophy cabinet it could have been five, if not for nail biting losses in the Grand Finals to Box Hill Inter in 2004 & 2005.

The men's senior teams has amazingly collected only one league trophy in the FFV and that was in 1997 when they won the State League 3. In 2005 they almost won the State League 2 South East title but for a slump in form gave the Springvale White Eagles the title late into the season.

For the Bayside League, the 2006 season makes the return of the Comets to the league. They have won one title and that was back in 1982 by winning the second division, now known as the division 1.



	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Western Port	17	10	4	3	42	20	34
Bayswater	17	9	3	5	49	19	30
Rosebud	17	9	2	6	27	21	29
Hampton Park	17	9	2	6	32	32	29
Boronia Knights	15	6	6	3	17	14	24
Croydon Ranges	16	7	2	7	35	30	23
Knox City	16	7	2	7	25	37	23
Peninsula	17	7	1	9	30	38	22
Mt Lilydale	17	3	4	10	19	33	13
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STAKES ARE RAISED

One of the worlds greatest card games, shares the same name as an Asian city – Manila. Many players have had happy ends with the flip of the fifth and last card. This season's Vodafone Cup saw the fifth card flipped yesterday, however as this article was written in the early hours of Sunday morning, before the last round being played, I cannot list out which clubs were favoured with the flip of the last card. To those that missed out on the Finals series, there's always next year. To those that made the finals, best of luck. To those that were relegated, avoid the Westgate Bridge, as temptation may get the better of you and that would be a really sad end!

SEE YOU IN COURT

The relegation battle in State League Division 1 has become a real dog fight. So much so, that one club has decided to no longer appear at the Darebin Supreme Court to further argue a case that a suspended player from an opposition team took part in their last encounter, this club will now be taking its case to the Soccer Supreme Court of Sydney, better known as the FFA (Football Federation Australia). I have written about this issue many times before, the Suspension System needs to be better controlled and communicated than what it has been in the past.

KENNY'S CARPE DIAME

Monday night's game at Bulleen between Es-

sendon and Kingston saw many ex-VPL coaches in attendance. An associate of mine attempted to take a photo of two of them who were deep in discussion; however, they were as keen to have this photo taken as I was to give up Johnnie Walker.

Speaking of this game, a direct quote from Kingston's Coach, Kenny (aluminium shin guards) Murphy, prior to the game.

"As the ex Coach who took Essendon to the Premier League, it will be sad that if we win, it could relegate them. But that's what life is all about – you have to live for the moment"

And live for the moment Essendon did Kenny, they gave the Kingston lads an absolute bath, ensuring that you had no moral dilemmas whatsoever.

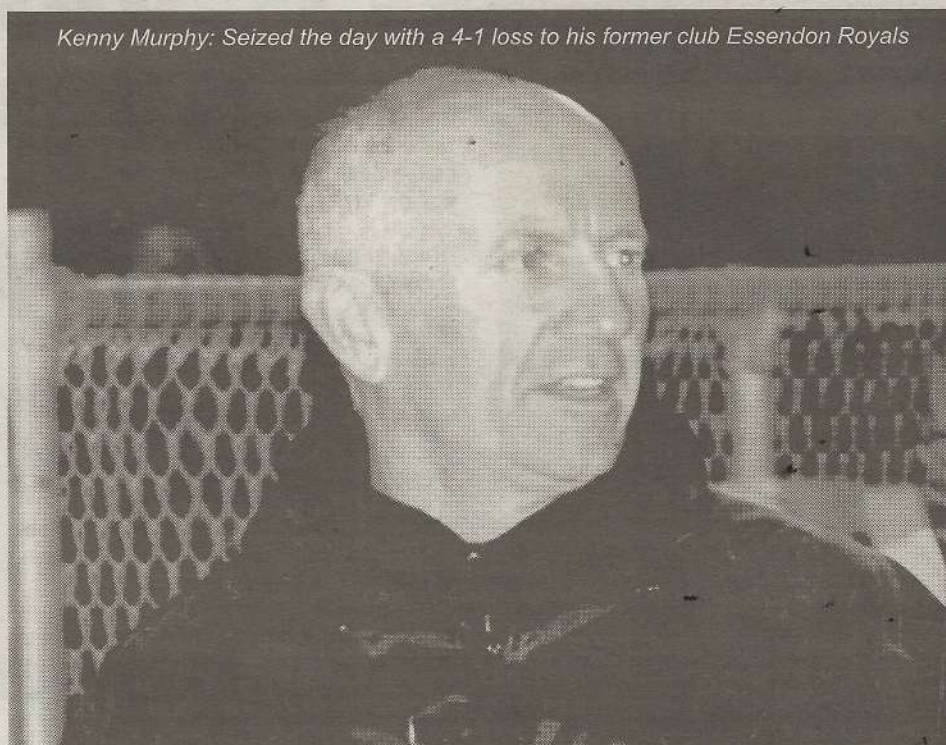
The only bright note for Kingston on Monday night, was George Katsakis, their ex-coach, handing out Turkish Delight Chocolate bars to the Kingston Committee members. He wouldn't want their blood sugar levels to drop, after all.

GEORGE SCOOPS IT

Fellow columnist George Stogiannou finally cut his teeth into a real story. I have been at him for months to shed his nice guy image and he certainly delivered with his article on the Kingston coaching replacement saga. Stog thought that he saw the back of me when we both hung our boots up a few years ago, unfortunately for him the grief that I gave him when we were teammates will continue for many tears to come in our roles with Goal! Weekly.

SING WHEN YOU'RE WINNING

John Cain Reserve – home of Northcote City, which is the only club in Melbourne that has ducted heating, Aluminium window panes in their dressing rooms, and most importantly, their own original club song, was the scene of jubilation after their win against Altona East Phoenix last week. Once again, Peter Kotsiras led the club song after the game in the dressing rooms, where it was standing room only as it was packed with not only players and officials, but many spectators also. Somebody from Northcote must have read my article from last week, where I wrote that players who were on a losing streak were threatened to be named in Katsas Korner, if this losing streak continued.



Kenny Murphy: Seized the day with a 4-1 loss to his former club Essendon Royals

The Northcote Boys did one better as they dragged me into the rooms before the game and it certainly did the trick. For Clubs wanting the get a result, my services are available for a fee. It can be found at any good Bottle Shop.

BRAVO ERNIE

Ernie Merrick has also been named in Katsas Korner many times before and he delivered with a first up win against Adelaide. As he said himself, one down 20 to go. Correct weight Ernie! Good to see that you have understood what I have said many times before "it's not where you start that matters, but where you finish."

For those that have difficulties understanding this concept, I'm sure that there are many power-brokers in the lower leagues whose team's have gone from a happy beginning to a sad end at the business end of the season, that would be willing to shed more light on this theory.

GRAND SALE! GRAND SALE!

FFV have gone mad, FFV have gone completely mad! Track suit sale now on, \$30 for a VSF tracksuit, that's right, VSF tracksuit, clear old stock for newly named FFV tracksuit. Only problem is that only sizes S and M are available. I was keen on getting one myself, as I always had a burning ambition to one day represent Victoria, I thought that this was the closest that I would get to realising my dream, as J Walker and W.N Field put paid to any chance that I had of making it as a player from a young age, however, Katsa has no chance of getting into a size M – the good life has expanded his frame considerably

Until next week...

This is Katsa, but not as you've known him, and when the Fat Lady sings, I hope that your team is the winner!

- A Team For The Ages -

Last Sunday was a day that all of the boys that make up the Knox City U16 Super League team will surely remember for the rest of their lives. The boys ran out Champions with two rounds to go after a fine victory over Dingley. This was the culmination of years of training under their coach Danny Verdun, who has looked after the team since they were U12s.

This team has been nothing short of phenomenal over the past five years; in 2002 this team had to finish top four in the U12 B competition to get into the U13A League in 2003 in order to have a chance of moving into the Super League in 2004. They finished 4th in 2002, won the League in 2003 and finally realised their dream of playing in the Super League. The story after this is one of pure magic as the Boys finished runners up in their first year of Super League (U14) to South Melbourne, won the Championship last year in the Super League (U15) and this year they have repeated the performance, back to back, with two weeks to spare.

They have played 68 official games since the U13's, they have won 57, drawn six and lost only five games in four years. They have scored 239 goals and conceded 51 in the same period of time, six members of this team have been at Knox since they were seven years of age and all



Back row: Danny Verdun (coach), Nick Atsiaris (Team Manager), Kosta Atsiaris, Sasha Gudell, Michael Hoogendyk, Luka Grubic, Koray Saat, Nick Giannopoulos, Samir Savic (Assistant Coach), **Front Row:** Tom Fawthorpe, Andrew Christou, Mitchell Coates, Garry Pinter, David Barker, Jack Hingert, Maynard Karunamoorthy

the others are from the South East area of Melbourne.

Knox City has always been faced with the prob-

lem of attracting young players as most times players would rather go to either South Melbourne or Bulleen. But despite their success the

team has remained loyal to each other making this a remarkable story of determination, persistence and loyalty.

Their coach had obviously nothing but praises for his young team, "There is great sense of spirit and Team Work from the lads, I am very proud of them as well because of their attitude and exemplary behaviour over the past four years towards their peers, officials and the Club."

"I believe their story should be told, next year these boys will go into senior football and most are determined to have a real go at this game of ours, they have been a pleasure to Coach and I will dearly miss the association with them in two week's time, Jimmy Rooney our Senior Coach at Knox has already used a number of my boys for the reserves and seniors this year and our main objective is to keep them with us to support the Club in years to come," added Verdun.

The boys will take part in the Super League (Grand Final) on Sunday the 10th September at (DISC) and will most likely play either Melbourne Knights or Green Gully depending on who wins the NW Super League title there over the next two weeks.

Keep an eye out for these boys as they are sure to appear somewhere down the line.

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FOOTBALL FOCUS...with Brett Gilmour



Name: Brett Gilmour
Club: Sunshine Georgies
Position: Midfielder
Age: 24
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 75kg
Nickname: Happy
Previous clubs: Westvale and Melton
Representative honours: None

Outfield player you most enjoy watching in the VPL? Manny Muscat

In the world? Ronaldinho

Hardest keeper and team to score against? Stuart Webster and Oakleigh

Occupation? Painter

Craziest team mate of all time?
 I now know why Tony "Nuts" Nacevski got his nickname

Most influential coach of all time?
 Probably Chris Taylor for giving me a go.

Most memorable match as a player?
 The derby game against Gully a couple of weeks ago.

As a fan? I went to the Australia versus Uruguay game in Sydney and that was pretty awesome

Where were you when Australia drew 2-2 with Iran? I was there

And when Australia qualified for the World Cup against Uruguay? There as well

What about the 2006 World Cup? I didn't get to go over

Most memorable goal you've scored?
 Against Green Gully at their ground last year. I've only ever scored two! I'd only played a couple of games in the VPL so it was pretty special.

Worst injury: None, touch wood!

Funniest moment in football? I remember once when I had to go in goals and the ball went through my legs. It was for Melton against Laverton and we lost 3-1

Record number of juggles in single attempt? Next question!!

Steak, chicken parma or seafood?
 Steak

Chips, veggies or salad? Chips

Pizza, cvape or souvlaki? Souvlaki

Favourite drink, non alcoholic and alcoholic? Gatorade and a couple of coldies will do.

Favourite nightspot? I've been going to The Star bar a bit lately

Favourite holiday destination?
 Port Douglas

Kitchen whiz or home handyman?
 Handyman

What's in the CD player right now?
 A bit of Pete Murray

Dream date? Jennifer Hawkins

First team-mate you'd invite to a party, and why? I'd invite them all

On the end of season trip, the last player to shout drinks will be...
 Are you trying get me in trouble or something??

Match day superstitions or rituals?
 To have none!

Typical matchday meal?
 Pasta

Favorite sporting team when growing up? Liverpool

What are your strengths?
 Probably heading and shooting

What are your weaknesses?
 Taking on players

Ten pin bowling or skydiving?
 Skydiving

Toughest opponent? They all give as good as they get

Select a player that you play most like?
 I'm just happy to get a game. They don't call me "Happy" Gilmour for nothing!

Which team do you select when playing FIFA soccer on a computer game?
 Generally Barcelona

What is the last soccer shirt you bought?
 Liverpool

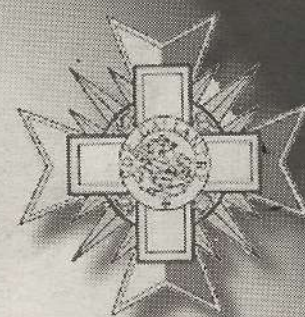
Funniest rumour you have heard about yourself?
 Some of those rumours weren't that funny!

Childhood soccer idol?
 Maradona

Favorite former Socceroo?
 Ned Zelic

Favourite Current Socceroo?
 Tim Cahill

What song or movie to do you get inspiration from? Rocky



Do you watch Footballers Wives? No

Best away ground you like to visit?
 Bulleen's ground

If I didn't play football I'd play...
 AFL footy for Collingwood

What fictional character would you most like to be; why?
 Superman because he can fly around and head one at the far post

Hollywood is making a movie about your career. Who would you select to play you in a movie? What's Johnny Depp doing?

Advice to youngsters:
 Just follow your dream

Any other bits of Brett Gilmour trivia you want us to reveal?
 I don't think you've got enough room to print it all!

Thanks Brett for spending time with Goal Weekly.

Photos by Daniel Flis



Brett leads the Georgies as they walk off the pitch after a strong performance

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